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OF THE

CITY OF BOSTON,

CONTAINING THE

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The Twenty-fifth Report of the Record Commissioners continues the Proceedings of the Boston Selectmen from May 20, 1776 to December 27, 1786, covering the period of the Revolution.

Wm. H. Whitmore,
City Registrar.

Old Court House, Boston.

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES.

BOOK FIFTEENTH.

(*Continued.*)

[NOTE. There are no entries on the Selectmen's Minutes from April 19, 1775, to May 20, 1776, the control of affairs being, of course, in the hands of the British general. On March 13, 1775, the town chose seven Selectmen (18th Report, p. 217), viz.: John Scollay, John Hancock, Timothy Newell, Thomas Marshall, Samuel Austin, Oliver Wendell and John Pitts; the same seven were re-elected March 29, 1776 (18th Report, p. 227). Contemporaneous papers show that the selectmen were of much service in making representations to the military authorities, and as intermediaries in the dealings with the American forces surrounding Boston.

W. H. W.]

The following note is on page 93, of Minute Book:

The Selectmens order on the Board of War for Fire Arms, May 12th. 1777.

Vote respecting intrenching Tools, May 16th. 1777. Septemr. 1, & October 15th. 1777. Minute of the Gates of, North Burying Ground, July 2d. 1777.

Isaac Peirce appointed to inspect, and inform, &c., April 15th. 1777.

Minute of Lamp Irons, Novemr. 5th. 1777.

See Colo. Proctors Return of the disposal of the above Fire Arms, on File of Mixed Papers for Anno 1786.

[**95.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 20. 1776. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Marshall, Pitts, Wendell

Voted, that the Town Clerk be directed to issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting May 23d. being Thursday at 10. OClock A.M. Dr. Channeys Meeting House for the choice of Representatives &c.

Voted, that Messrs. Edes & Gill have the printing of the Notifications.

Mr. Pitts & Mr. Wendell, appointed to wait on Dr. Mather, with the desire of the Selectmen, that he would open the approaching Town Meeting, with Prayer.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 5, 1776.

Voted, that application be made to the Honble. the General Court through the Representatives of the Town for a grant of One hundred Pounds towards defreying the Charges of the Province Hospital at New Boston.

The Selectmen took into consideration the expediency of opening Schools in the Town, whereupon —

Voted, that the Grammar School in School Street be opened, and that M^r^. Samuel Hunt officiate for the present as Master of said School — that the Writeing School at the North End be opened, and M^r^. Tileston appointed the Master — that the Writeing School in the Common be opened, & M^r^. Samuel Holbrook appointed Master, but M^r^. Carter to officiate in that office untill M^r^. Holbrook removes to Town said Masters to depend upon the generosity of the Town for an allowance.

The Selectmen taking into consideration the state of the Fire Engines, M^r^. Scollay M^r^. Austin & Coll^o^. Marshall were appointed to regulate the same & make Report.

[96.] The Selectmen took into consideration the expediency of appointing a Town Watch whereupon —

Voted, that there be three Watches of five Men each, including, the Constables of the Watch, and M^r^. Bennett was appointed Constable of the Watch at the South part of the Town.

Voted, that directions be given for the ringing D^r^. Sewalls Bell One O'Clock & Nine O'Clock, and D^r^. Chaunceys Bell at 11. O.Clock.

Messrs. Scollay & M^r^. Austin appointed a Committee to regulate the Market.

M^r^. George Lindsey Wallace appointed Clerk of Faneuil Hall Market, for the present.

In pursuance of a Precept for the choice of two Representatives in the room of the Honble Benjamin Austin & William Phillips, sent up to the Board — the Town Clerk was directed to issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting to be held for the purpose aforesaid, Monday next 3 O'clock P.M.

Voted, that the Selectmen's stated Meetings be held on Mondays 4 O'clock P.M.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 17, 1776. Present Mess. Scollay Austin, Pitts, M^r^. Appleton.

The Town meeting for the choice of two Representatives in the room of Messrs. Austin & Phillips sent up to the Board which met this Day by adjournment being dissolved, a major part of the Selectmen not being in Town, to regulate said Meeting — The Town Clerk was directed to issue a Warrant for the calling another Meeting on Monday next 3 O clock P.M. agreeable to a Precept received, for the purpose aforesaid —

M^r^. Doll offers his service to the Town again as an Usher of one of the Writing Schools.

[97.] *July 4, 1776*

The United American Colonies, are declared to be *Free and Independent States*, by the United States of America in General Congress assembled, at *Philadelphia*.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 17, 1776. Present Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Wendell.

The Town Clerk directed to lay the List of all Town Officers lately chosen before the Selectmen at their next Meeting.

The Town Clerk directed to give the Cryer a Notification, that the Writing School in the Common will be opened for the reception of Children on Monday next at the usual hours in the Forenoon & Afternoon, by order of the Selectmen, and that the same be published on Satturday next, from the Towns house to the Fortification.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 19, 1776. Present Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Wendell.

Capt. Samuel Paine, apply'd to the Selectmen for liberty to open a Drain at the lower end of Summer Street.

Liberty was accordingly granted, said Paine pursuing the steps of the Law with respect to Notifying the Proprietors &^c. other particulars —

The Selectmen took into consideration, those parts of a late Act of the general Assembly relative to the Small Pox which enjoins certain duties upon the Selectmen — where upon —

Voted, that Eight Men be appointed as Guards, to Prevent Persons who have not had the Small Pox from coming on, and all from going out of the Towns untill the Selectmen or the Guards are satisfied, that such Persons and their Effects are free from Infection.

Voted, that four of said Guards — vizt. Messrs. Thomas Bayley, Samuel Greenleaff, Moses May, & Obediah Thayer. be placed at the Avenue at the Lines in Roxbury Street

Orders drawn —

[98.] Voted, that Messrs. John Ballard, Samuel Sumner, John Minzey and James Goadridge, be appointed the Guards for Winnisemet & Charlestown Ferry — orders drawn.

Voted, that the following Certificate be sent to the Printers — and that a number be immediately struck off — Viz^t.

These Certify that ——— has been so smoked and cleansed, as that in our opinion they may be permitted to pass into the Country, without danger of communicating the Small Pox to any one.

Selectmen of Boston

Boston July 19, 1776

Messrs. Thomas Bayley, Samuel Crooker, Moses May, & Obediah Thayer —

In conformity to an Act of the General Assembly we have appointed you a Guard at the Avenue at the Lines i Roxbury Street; & untill the Town shall be publicly declared bythe Selectmen thereof, to be so free from the Infection of the Small Pox as that all Persons may pass & repass with safety. Our Orders are, that you prevent any Persons who have not had the Small Pox from coming into Boston — & that you do not suffer without the permission of the Selectmen or any two of them, any Person

or Persons, with or without their Effects to go out of the Town of Boston, untill you are fully satisfied, that they & their Effects are free from Infection, which we are of opinion you cannot be with respect to the Market-People unless you are acquainted with them or have their solemn assurance that they have had the Small Pox, & have not been in the way of Infection, & that the Paper money they have about them, or any Effects have been smoked. You are to let all such Persons pass without a smoking, (unless they chuse it) as shall produce our Certificates, that they are free from Infections; all others you are to stop unless they submit to such a smoking of their Person & Effects, as in your Judgment will be sufficient to clear them from all Infection, in which case you are to deliver to said Person one of the Certificates we have furnished you with, filling up the blank with his Name. We depend upon your fidelity that the good intentions of the General Court, in their endeavors to prevent a spread of the Small Pox, may not be frustrated.

By Order of the Selectmen

William Cooper Town Clerk

P.S. You are not to let any Person who has lately had the Small Pox, pass out of Town before the 3d. of August next without our particular permission.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 24d. 1776. Present Messrs. Scollay, Wendell, Appleton.

The Selectmen took into consideration the application of some Persons who have been inoculated; for a Certificate of their being free from Infection — where upon It was Agreed, that no Certificates, (except in some special Cases) shall be given such Persons, before the third of [99.] August next, to prevent a communication of the Infection to the Army or Country Inhabitants.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 7/6 p. Bushel, and that 6d. p. Bushel be allowed, to the Bakers, for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Vizt.

	oz.	dr.
a 4d. Loaf of Brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye Meal must weigh - - - - - - - - - -	2–	4
a 4d. do. not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian Meal must weigh - -	3–	
a Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - -	-	

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 27, 1776. Present Messrs. Scollay, Wendell, Pitts, Appleton.

Application for a Town Meeting received.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 29, 1776. Present Messrs. Scollay, Pitts, Austin, Wendell, Appleton.

Several Persons attended who had petitioned for a Town Meeting.

Mr. Nazro ordered to desire all the Subscribers to the Petition for a Town Meeting, to attend at the Selectmens Chamber 4 O Clock P.M.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 29, 1776. 4 O Clock P.M. Present Mess. Scollay, Austin, Pitts, Appleton.

A Number of the Subscribers to a Petition for a Town Meeting — attended, by desire of the Selectmen.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 31, 1776. Present Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Pitts, Appleton.

The following Notification was on the 27 Instant, sent for a place in the Watertown Paper, and a number of them was struck off in hand Bills and posted up in different parts of the Town — Viz^t.

The Publick are hereby Notified that no Persons who have had the Small Pox since the 1st of July Instant, can be suffered to leave the Town untill Wednesday next; at which time all Persons producing a line from the Physician or Physicians who have inoculated or attended them, certifying that they have been inoculated three Weeks at least, and are entirely free from Infection; and also submitting themselves and [100.] their Effects to be well cleansed at the smoking House, shall be furnished at Roxbury Lines and at the Ferries with a Certificate signed by the Selectmen, that in their opinion they may be permitted to pass to their several Homes, without danger to the Inhabitants — the Selectmen at the same time depending on such Persons taking every other precaution to prevent the Infections being communicated to their Friends in the Country; And it is recommended to the Inhabitants of this Town, in whose Families any one has passed thro' the Distemper that they use their utmost diligence in airing and cleansing their Houses and Effects, that this suffering Town may not continue a Hospital longer than is absolutely necessary for the safety of the Country.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Boston July 27 — 1776.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 7, 1776 Present Mess. Scollay, Austin, Pitts, Appleton.

In pursuance of an Order from Timothy Pickering Junr. Judge of the Court for tryal of Vessels, twelve Persons were drawn out of the Box, to serve at a Court to be held at Boston on Fryday the 9.^d Day of August 10 OClock, A.M. their Names as follows Viz^t. Messrs.

Charles Williams,	Barth^o. Kneeland,
Joseph Webb,	James Ivers,
Geo. B. Gedney,	Robert Jenkins,
Edward Blanchard,	John Lucas,
Samuel Dogget,	William Miller,
Timothy White,	Nathl. Spear.

see follow^g. Page —

M^r. John Ballard applys to be appointed a Sealer of Wood for the North part of Boston.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 12, 1776. Present Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Pitts, Wendell, Appleton.

The Selectmen passed upon the Lists of Persons Licensed in 1774, — and objected to a number removed, married &c. and the Town Clerk was ordered to make return.

[**101.**] Sarah Swanton Widow, was approbated as a Retailer of Spirituous Liquors at her Shop near the North Meeting House Square —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 14, 1776. Present Mess. John Scollay, Austin, Appleton, Wendell.

Jurors appointed & drawn for the Superiour Court to meet this month agreable to an Order from the Clerk of the Court.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 19, 1776. Present M^{r}. Scollay.

Constable Bennet who was directed the 10th Instant to wait upon a number chosen into Town Ofices, and to require their answers, whether they do accept of their respective appointments — made return of his doings which Order &^{c}. is on file.

At a Meeting for the choice of Jury Men for the Court Erected for the tryal of Vessels that shall be found infesting the Sea Coast of America &c. the following Persons were drawn out of a Box, May 16. 1776. the first for the Court — vizt.

Mess. Thomas Dows Esq.	Mess. Samuel Sloan
William Fleet	John Waldo
John Gill	John Webb
Thomas Parker	Henry Hill

And on June 21st the following Persons were drawn out of the Box vizt.

Samuel Barrel Esq.	Mess. Nathan Spear
Thomas Hill	Andrew Brimmer
Edward Edes	Bosenger Foster
Eleazer Johnson	

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Aug^{t}. [21 in margin,] 1776 Present Messrs. Scollay, Wendell.

M^{r}. Scollay & Wendell a Committee to direct the Erecting a new Beacon on Beacon Hill —

The Town Clerk, directed to publish in M^{r}. Gills Paper Extracts from an Act to prevent the continuance of the Small Pox in Boston —

[**102.**] The following Advertisement sent to M^{r}. Gill for a place in his Paper —viz.

The Act from whence the foregoing Extracts were taken, has been printed in the several news Papers, and the Public are assured, that the Selectmen in faithfulness to the trust reposed in them by the General Assembly & their Constituents, will use their best endeavors for the carrying said Act into execution in all its parts, and as it is greatly for the Interest of the Town, that it should be cleared of the present Infection as soon as possible, the Inhabitants will doubtless think it their duty to give Information to proper Authority of any breaches of said Act, which may

have come to their knowledge, that all offenders may be prosecuted for the Penalties incurred, & others thereby deterred from such unlawful and injurious practices — It is hoped that the Inhabitants are proceeding agreeable to a former recommendation to smoke, air and cleanse their Houses and Goods which have been infected with the Small Pox, and it is with pleasure that the Public are now informed, that by a return made by the several Physicians there are not more than seventy eight Persons now under that Distemper in this Town

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Boston August 21. 1776.

The several Physicians of the Town agreeable to the request of the Selectmen, have made a return of the number of sick Persons with the Small Pox under their care, by which it appears that the whole number under their care at present amounts to seventy eight Persons as p. Copy of those Returns on file.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 22^{d}. 1776, A.M. Present Messrs. Scollay, Wendell, Pitts, Appleton.

The Selectmen having received a Warrant from [**103.**] the Honble. Thomas Cushing Esq. Judge of Probate &c. for the County of Suffolk to make enquiry into the Case & Circumstances of James Otis Esq. of Boston represented by his Friends as a Person Non Compos Lunatick or Distracted — made enquiry accordingly, and the following Return was made the said Judge — Viz^{t}.

Boston August 22^{d}. 1776.

We the Subscribers in pursuance to the Warrant on the other side, having seen James Otis Esq. and examined into his state and circumstances are of Opinion that said Gentleman is a Person Non Compos Mentis, and incapable of taking care of his Person and Effects.

JOHN SCOLLAY
OLIVER WENDELL
JOHN PITTS
NATH^{N}. APPLETON
Selectmen of Boston

To
Honble. Judge Cushing.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 22^{d} 1776. Present Messrs. Scollay, Wendell, Pitts, Appleton.

Order, that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting on the 26 Day of August Current at 10. OClock in the Forenoon, at the Old Brick Meeting house.

Voted, that Messrs. Powers & Willis have the printing of the Notifications.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 30, 1776. Present Messrs. Scollay, Greenleaff, Bromfield, Storer.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 7/6 p. bush, and that 6d. p. bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their charges, Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows, vizt.

	lb.	oz.
a 4d. Loaf brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh - - - - - - - - - -	2-	4-
a 4d. ditto, not above ½ Indian Meal must weigh -	3-	
a Bisket of a Copper price - - - -		

Passed upon a number of Accounts.

[104.] Voted, that the Town Clerk have a Draft on the Treasurer for twenty Pounds.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 31, A.M. Present Messr. Scollay, Storer, Austin, Pitts, Greenleaff, Bromfield.

Agreeable to a Warrant issued by the Town Clerk, a number of Town Officers appeared, and were sworn into Office.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 31, 1776. P.M. Present Messrs. Scollay, Greenfield.

Boston Augt. 31,1776.

Sir

Upon the receit of your obliging favor of the 26′ Instant, we applyed to Colle. Barber by whom we are informed, that Mr. Wendell a Member of the Committee of Correspondance & has recommended Mr. Isaac Tuckerman for a Captainey in the service you mentioned and in our opinion such a recommendation comes with more propriety from that Gentleman as impowered by said Committee then it would from the Selectmen —

We are with great respect
Sir
Your most hum. Servts.
By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Brig. General Palmer.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Sept. 2d. 1776 Present Mess. John Scollay, Storer, Bromfield, Greenleaf, Austin.

The Selectmen having acted upon the List of Taverners & Retailers for the last Year, the same was returned to Messrs. Price & Bill Clerks of the Sessions, with the doings of the Selectmen thereon, as p. Copy on file, they considered the Petitions presented when the following Persons were approbated by the Selectmen Vizt

Sarah Lord - - - to retail at her Shop in Charter Street.
Benjamin Loring - - to keep a Tavern at the Royal Exchange.
Margaret Jepson - - to retail at her Shop in Ann Street.
Williams & Vincent - - to retail at his Shop in King Street.

[105.] Mary Pitman to retail near Boston Stone Marshalls Lane.
Isaac Dickman - - - d°. at his shop the corner of Charter Street.
Elizabeth Waldron - - d°. at her Shop near sign of Drum.
Daniel Jones - - - to keep Tavern at Royal Exchange King Street.
Mary Gray - - - to retail at her Shop the head of Hancocks Wharff.
Rosanna Maxwell - - d°. - - d°. - - at her Shop in King Street.
Patience Callahan - - to keep Tavern - - d°. on Dock Square.
Mary Wakefield - - - to retail - - d°. at her Shop Corner School Street.
William Turner - - to retail d°. at his Shop Cornhill.
Ann Love (?) - - - - d°. - - d°. at her Shop beyond Liberty Tree.
Mary Fullerton - - - d°. - - d°. near Dr. Eliots Meeting house.
Lydia Thayer - - - an Inholder d°. near South Battery.
Jeremiah Welch - - to Retail - d°. at Orange Tree.
Elizabeth Fadree - an Inholder - d°. - on Dock Square.
Elizabeth Newell - to retail - - d°. - in Blackhorse Lane.
Elizabeth Henchman - - d°. - - - - d°. - - in Cornhill.
John [Monkes?] - - - an Inholder d°. - - in King Street.
John Balland - - - to retail - d°. near Clerks Ship yard.
Elizabeth Wittington - an Inholder - d°. - - at the Roe Buck, Dock Square.
Hannah Haynes - - to retail - d°. - - Charlestown Ferry.
Nicholas Lobdell - - an Inholder - - d°. - - Admiral Vernons King Street.
Sarah Low - - - to retail - - - d°. North writing School.
John Newell - - Inholder - - d°. - - Wings Lane.
Joseph Bradford - - - d°. - - d°. - - Orange Street.
John Wells - - - - to Retail - d°. - - Charter Street.
Maro Markus - - - d°. - - - - d°. - - Hancocks Wharff.
Mary Thompson - - d°. - - - - d°. - - Dr. Pembertons Meeting house.
Daniel Austin - - - d°. - - - - d°. - - Head of Long Wharff.
Mary Johonnot - - d°. - - - - d°. - - Distill house Auchmuty's Lane.
Sarah Salter - - d°. - - - Royal Exchange Lane.
Sarah Silsby - - d°. - - - Black Horse Lane.
Abigail Whitman [or Whitmore?] - - d°. - - - d°. Charlestown Ferry, see Septemr. 6.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 4, 1776. Present Mess. Scollay, Austin, Storer, Greanleaff, Bromfield.

The Selectmen would inform the Public that by the returns of the several Committees appointed to visit the Town, it appears that there were last Week but 43 Persons who had the Small Pox, & most of them on the recovery.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

The foregoing ordered to be published in the several News Papers, by the Town Clerk.

[106.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septemr. 6, 1776. Present Mess. Scollay, Storer, Bromfield.

The following Persons were approbated by the Selectmen as Retailers & Inholders, Viz^{t}.

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Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septem^{r}. 11, 1776. A.M. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Storer, Greenleaff, Bromfield, Austin.

The following Persons were approbated by the Selectmen as Retailers & Inholders, Viz^{t}.

Martha Goading - - - to retail at her shop in Fleet Street.
Abigail Papoon - - - d^{o} next to the Sign of the Lamb.
John Slade - - - - - - an Inholder - - in Wings Lane.
Rossanna Moor - - - a Retailer - - - near Liberty Tree.
Jane Henry - - - - - d^{o}. - - - in Middle Street.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Sepr. 11, 1776, P.M. Present, Mess. Scollay, Storer, Bromfield, Greenleaff, Austin, Wendell.

M^{r}. John Holland being recommended by his Company was appointed Master of Engine N°. 5, and the Town Clerk is directed to make out his Orders accordingly.

D^{r}. Greenleaff & M^{r}. Bromfield appointed to examine the state of ye Towns House in which M^{r}. Hunt School master dwells and to order the necessary repairs.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septr. 14, 1776. Present, Mess. Scollay, Austin, Storer, Bromfield, Greenleaff.

The Selectmen examined the returns made by the Committee who had visited the several Wards to take the state of the Town with respect to the Small Pox.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septem^{r}. 18, 1776. Present, Mess. Scollay, Greenleaff, Storer.

The following Advertisement was sent for a place **[107.]** In the Thursday News Papers — Viz^{t}.

The Selectmen have now the pleasure to inform the Public that the Small Pox is not in any of the main Streets of the Town, and that only six Houses are now infected, at which red Flags are hung out as signals to Passengers; in consequence of which the Guards have been taken off from Roxbury Lines and the Ferry Places — If the Distemper should hereafter break out in any House, information there of must be immediately given the Selectmen or the Master of such Familys will be prosecuted for the penalty incurred by such neglect. By order of the Selectmen

William Cooper Town Clerk.

Boston Septem^{r}. 18, 1776.

The Town Clerk is directed to inform the Guards at Roxbury Lines and the Ferry Places, that the Selectmen have no further occasion for their services.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septem^r. 19, 1776. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Storer, Greenleaff.

M^r. Hartley, Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island appears and informs the Selectmen that the Sloop ——— is come to the Island, being ordered to the Island by the Selectmen of Marblehead, as having some Persons on board with the Small Pox — whereupon, the following Orders were given M^r. Hartley, Viz^t.

Boston Septem^r. 19, 1776.

M^r. Samuel Hartley

A Sloop having been ordered to your Island by the Selectmen of Marblehead as having two Persons on board with the Small Pox — Our orders are that you take those Persons into the Hospital, and then smoke and cleanse the Vessel you are to suffer no Person to go on board the Sloop, nor any to [**108**] leave her untill they have been well smoked and cleansed and have a fresh shift of Clothes brought them for their coming up to Town — We expect you take the same care as formerly to prevent a communication of the Distemper, this Town having been declared to be free from Infection — the Clothing and everything on board liable to Infection you must take on shoar, and Report to us your doings as formerly.

By Order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Sep^t. 23, 1776. Present, Mess. Scollay, Greenleaf.

The Butchers ordered to attend, in order to settle what Stalls they are respectively to hold in Faneuil Hall Market and the terms.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septem^r. 24, 1776. Present, Mess. Scollay, Storer, Greenleaff, Pitts, Wendell.

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 7/6 p. bushel and that 6^d. p. bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges, Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Viz^t.

	lb.	oz.
a 4^d. loaf brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye meal must weigh - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2	4
a 4^d. ditto not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian must weigh - - -	3	
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M^r. Lynch applys to the Selectmen for their care of one Patrick Toamy, a poor blind Stranger, & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province, who is at his House & unable to support himself.

M^r. Scollay appointed to make enquiry of M^r. Lynch what terms he would take care of him upon.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septem^r 27, 1776. Present Messrs. Scollay, Storer, Wendell, Bromfield, Greenleaff.

M^r. Hartley attended, and Reports that he had taken out the Beds Bedding &c. from the Sloop Sally, Capt. Chapman late

Master [**109**] Sent here from Marblehead with the Small Pox, and had received the Sick into the Hospital — whereupon the following Orders were given him.

Boston, Septem^r. 27, 1776.

M^r. Samuel Hartley,

You having Reported to us, that you have taken out the Bed Bedding and other things liable to retain Infection, which were in the Sloop Sally Capt. Chapman late master, sent here by the Selectmen of Marblehead. Our Orders are that you smoke said Vessel thoroughly, after which you are permitted to bring her up to this town.

JOHN SCOLLAY
EBENEZER STORER
OLIVER WENDELL
JOHN GREENLEAFF
HENRY BROMFIELD
Selectmen of Boston.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen sepparately (28 in. margin) Present, Mess. Scollay, Storer, Wendell, Greenleaff, Bromfield.

The following Advertisement was approved of, & the Clerk directed to send it to Watertown Viz.

Boston Septem^r. 28, 1776.

The Public are hereby informed that a Woman & Child at Wheelers Point, *Wheelers Point* [*sic*] having broke out with the Small Pox since the last Advertisement, were immediately removed to the Hospital at New Boston, the only place where there are any with the Distemper.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, October 2^d, 1776. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Storer.

The following Advertisement was sent for a place in the Thursdays Prints — Viz^t.

Boston October 2^d, 1776.

The Public may be assured that no Person has been taken with the Small Pox in this Town since the last Advertisement, that Distemper is now wholly confined to the Hospital at New Boston, where the few sick are on the recovery.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

[**110.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^r. 9. 1776. A.M. Present Messrs. Scollay, Storer, Wendell, Bromfield.

Pursuant to a Resolve of the House of Representatives of this State, the Town Clerk was directed to issue his Warrant for the calling a Meeting of the Inhabitants on Fryday next 9. OClock Forenoon.

And agreeable to the request of a number of the Inhabitants, another Meeting at the same place 10. OClock A.M. on said Day.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octo^{r}. 9. 1776. P.M. Present Messrs. Scollay, Bromfield, Storer, Wendell.

Passed upon M^{r}. Samuel Hartleys, Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island his Province Account amounting to £. 50–5–4– as p. Copy on file.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen &^{c} Octo^{r}. 12. 1776. Present Messrs. Scollay.

M^{r}. Samuel Hartley Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island, attended & Reports that the Vessel from Marblehead with the Small Pox, together with the People Bedding have been so well smoked & cleansed, that they may depart for that place with safety to the Inhabitants — whereupon the following Orders were given M^{r}. Hartley. Viz^{t}.

Boston October 12. 1776.

M^{r}. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us, that the Schooner Sally the Beds Bedding &c. on board, together with the Master and Boy, have been so well smoked and cleansed, that they may return to Marblehead, without danger of communicating the Small Pox to the Inhabitants. Our Orders are that you permit said Vessel and People to leave the Island, you being first satisfied for the charge that has been occasioned by their being sent to your Island.

By Order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

The following was sent the Selectmen of Marblehead vizt.

Boston October 12. 1776.

[111.] Gentlemen

M^{r}. Samuel Hartley, Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island, having Reported to us, that agreable to our directions, he had so well smoked and cleansed the Schooner you have sent to said Island, as also the Bedding & the Master & Boy, as that they might be permitted to return to Marblehead without danger of communicating the Small Pox. We have Ordered him to permit said Vessel to depart he having been satisfied for the expence of cleansing &^{c}. the Account thereof having been first submitted to our inspection

By Order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

To

The Gentlemen the Selectmen

of Marblehead —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen. &^{c}. Octo^{r}. 16. 1776. Present or consenting Mess. Bromfield, Greenleaff, Scollay.

The following Advertisement was sent for a place in Thursday Paper. Viz^{t}.

Boston October 16. 1776.

The Public may be assured, that no Person has been taken with the Small Pox in this Town, since the Child at New Boston who was removed the last Week to the Hospital, at that port of the Town, in which are only four Persons with that Distemper, who are all on the recovery; as it is now about a Month, since many who had retired have returned to their Dwellings without taking the Distemper, it may Justly be concluded, that this Town is now intirely free from the Infection

By Order of the Selectmen
William Cooper Town Clerk

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, &^{c}. Present Mess.

The following was sent to Watertown for a place in M^{r}. Edes News Paper—

[112.] Boston Octr. 19, 1776.

The Public may be assured that those Persons who have been removed to the Hospital at West Boston, with the Small Pox are now all recovered; and that no one has the Distemper in any part of this Town, as it is now five or six Weeks, since many who have retired, have returned to their Dwellings without taking the Distemper; it may Justly be concluded that this Town is now entirely free from that Infection—

By Order of the Selectmen
William Cooper Town Clerk

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 23, 1776. Present Messrs. Scollay, Greenleaff, Bromfield.

M^{r}. Ireland Constable of Watch applys for one man to be added to his Watch, which will make the number inclusive of the Constable, six men—

M^{r}. Wear appointed to the charge of the North Watch.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 25, 1776. Present Messrs. Scollay, Greenleaff, Storer, Bromfield.

M^{r}. Mason & others of the Overseers of the Poor made application that a Town Meeting may be called to know the mind of the Inhabitants relative to a Resolve of the Court respecting the removal of the Poor of the Town of Boston from Salem and elsewhere to this Town, and that the Town would choose one or more Overseers of the Poor.

Boston Ss: At a Mee^{t}ing of the Selectmen October 28, 1776. Present Messrs. Scollay, Greenleaff, Storer.

M^{r}. Hall the Wharfinger informs that a Lad on board a Vessel from the Eastward has broke out with the Small Pox--whereupon Voted, that the said Person, be sent to the Hospital at Rainsfords

Island. Mr. Hall engaging to pay the expence of his passing thro', the Distemper, at said Island—and that the following Orders be given Mr. Hartley Keeper of the Hospital.

[**113.**] Boston October 28, 1776.

Mr. Samuel Hartley

A Lad having broke out with the Small Pox on board an Eastward Coaster, we have directed that he be immediately sent to the Hospital at Rainsfords Island—

Our Orders are that you receive said Lad into the Hospital & take proper care of him during his sickness, & also use every precaution to prevent a communication of the Distemper to any of the Inhabitants—the Bedding &c. belonging to the Lad & any other Article on board the Coaster liable to retain the Infection you are to receive on ye Island & air & cleanse the same.

By Order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

Upon application made by the Overseers of the Poor for a Town Meeting, the Town Clerk was directed to issue his Warrant for the calling one on the 30′ Instant Wednesday 10 O clock.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octor. 30′ 1776. Present Messrs. Bromfield.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat 7/6 p. bushel and that 6d p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows Vizt.

	lb.	oz.
a 4d. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh - - - - - - - -	2 –	4
a 4d. Ditto, not above ½ Indian Meal must weigh-	3 –	
a Bisket of a Copper price . - - - -		

Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for calling a Town Meeting on Fryday the 8′. of Novemr. next, at the Old Brick Meeting House, 10. OClock A.M.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novemr. 1, 1776. Present Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Storer, Greenleaff.

A number of the Butchers, who hire Stalls in Faneuil Hall market attended and signed Leases for the same all commencing the 23d. September last — it was further agreed that the Tanners should allow 2/ p. hide for the carting the hides into Town, or otherwise that they should take them of the Butchers with their own Carts as the Farmers choose.

Thomas Mayo - - a Lease for 2 Stalls No. 1 & 11 - at 6/8 p. mo.
Nathaniel Faxon - - do. - for 2 Stalls - 2 & 10 - at 15/
John Hildreth - - - do. - for 2 Stalls - 3 & 9 - at 16/3
Lemuel Burrel - - - do. - for 2 do. - 13 & 21 - at 15/
Jeremiah Parker - - do. - for 2 do. - 14 & 20 - at 16/3
Elijah White - - - - do. - for 2 do. - 15 & 19 - at 16/3

[**114.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 2^{d}. 1776. Present Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Greenleaff, Bromfield.

Upon Information given that the Small Pox was on board a Sloop which came up to this Town from the Eastward — the following Orders were first sent the Keepers of the Hospital.

Boston Novem^{r}. 2^{d}. 1776

M^{r}. Samuel Hartley

The Sloop Dolphin Capt. John Curtis having the Small Pox on board, we have ordered her down to your Island. Our Orders are that you take out the two Persons who are sick, with the Bedding and every thing liable to Infection, which you are to smoke and cleanse, as well as the Vessel. You must Report to us your doings, in order to our giving you further directions respecting the Vessel &^{c}.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novem^{r}. 6. 1776. Present Mess^{s}. Scollay, Greenleaff, Storer, Bromfield.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 7, 1776. Present Mess. John Scollay, John Greenleaff.

A Letter wrote M^{r}. Hartley, to receive four Persons of a Flag Truce from Halifax, sent to Rainsfords Island, as p. Copys on file.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novem^{r}. 6. 1776. Present Mess. Scollay, Storer, Greanleaff, Bromfield.

A Letter wrote Selectmen of Marblehead. Orders given M^{r}. Hartley, relative, other Orders given M^{r}. Hartley relative to an Eastward Coaster — as p. copys on file.

Boston Novr. 9, 1776.

Gentlemen

The Flag of Truce Vessel sent by you to Rainsfords Island has been so well smoked & cleansed, that we have permitted her to return to Marblehead — the Bedding & every thing liable to Infection must remain on the Island for airing cleansing &^{c}. M^{r}. Hartley &^{c}.

Petition to Commanding Officer of Castle William to permit a Sloop to pass the Castle as p. Copy on file.

[**115.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 13, 1776. Present Mess. Scollay, Greenleaff.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 14 1776 Present Scollay, Bromfield, Storer, Greenleaff.

Boston Novr. 14, 1776.

You having Reported to us that Capt. Curtis & Joseph Underwood, have been so well smoked & cleansed, that they may now leave the Island with safety. Our Orders are that you permit

said Persons to leave the Hospital provided they have a shift of Clothes, and you are satisfied for the charge of keeping them &c.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 19, 1776. Present Messrs. Scollay, Storer, Bromfield, Greenleaff.

The Acc't of this State Draughting a fourth part of the Melisia &c. laid before the Selectmen.

The Town Clerk directed to print the hand Bills relative to estimating Damages &c. as Voted by the Town as at their late Meeting — & to publish y^e. same in y^e. News Paper.

The Town Clerk directed to publish an Advertisem^t. relative to Chimney Sweepers.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 20, 1776. Present Mess. Scollay, Storer, Greenleaff, Bromfield.

The Committee of Correspondence &c. attended by desire of the Selectmen, in order to consult & determine what was to be done in pursuance of an Act of this State for draughting one Quarter part of the Militia, to be ready in case of emergency to march at a short warning for the defence of this and the other States.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 7 (27' in margin) 1776. Present Mess. Scollay, Storer, Greenleaff, Bromfield.

[**116.**] Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 7/6- p. bushel and that 6^d. p. bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Viz^t.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
a 4^d. Loaf Brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye Meal must weigh - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2	–	4
a 4^d. Loaf not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian Meal must weigh - -	3	–	
a Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - -			

Voted, that the Town Clerk have a draft on the Town Treasurer for Forty Pounds.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^r. 2^d. 1776 Present Messrs. Scollay, Storer, Bromfield, Greenleaff.

The following was Voted, to be sent M^r. Hartley Viz.

Boston Novem^r. 26, 1776

M^r. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that Benjamin Allen, John Sears, James Barton & Toby Jacobs who were brought to your Island in the Flag of Truce from Hallifax with the Small Pox, are now well and sufficiently smoked and cleansed, so that they may leave the Island without any danger to the Inhabitants, you are therefore directed to let them depart the Island as soon as may be —

JOHN SCOLLAY p. Order

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 2^{d}. 1776 Present Messrs. Scollay, Storer, Wendell, Greenleaff, Bromfield.

Accounts relative to the Hospital at New Boston laid before the Selectmen for the examination and allowance.

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 3^{d}. 1776. Present Messrs. Scollay, Bromfield, Wendell, Austin, Greenleaff.

The Committee of Correspondence Inspection & Safety attended by desire, in order to confer relative to this Towns furnishing a quarter part of their Militia for the reinforcement of the Army to the Westward.

John Wilks, ordered to the Almshouse on the Province being an Orphan and destitute of support — the Order on Mr. Farmer signed by M^{r}. Scollay & M^{r}. Bromfield, Selectmen & Capt. Partridge one of the Overseers.

[**117.**] Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen, Decr. 3^{d}. 1776. P.M. Present Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Bromfield, Greenleaff.

Warrant & Notification for a Town Meeting on Wednesday the 4^{t} of Decem^{r}. Ins^{t}. by the Town Clerk.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^{r}. 7, 1776. Present Mess. Scollay, Bromfield, Greenleaff, Storer, Austin.

The Committee of Correspondence attended, in order for a joint consultation with the Selectmen & Field Officers relative to a draft of a quarter part of our Militia.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^{r}. 9. 1776. Present Mess. Bromfield, Austin.

The Selectmen Field Officers & Committee of Correspondence &c. met in order jointly to consider and agree upon a proper mode of proceedure in draughting one fourth part of the Militia of this Town as a temporary Reinforcement of the Army at and near New York, agreeable to a late Act of this State.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^{r}. 8. [*Sic*, though out of order.] 1776. Present Mess^{s}. Bromfield.

The Field Officers Comm^{ee}. of Correspondence &^{c}. met in order to take into consideration, the Act relative to a draft of every forth [*sic*] man from the Militia of this Regiment.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 10, 1776. Present Austin, Bromfield.

A Meeting of the Selectmen Field Officers, Committee of Correspondence &^{c}.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decr. 11, 1776. Present Messrs. Scollay, Bromfield, Greenleaff.

Boston Ss At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^r. 13. 1776. A.M. Present Messrs. Austin, Bromfield, Scollay, Appleton, Pitts.

The Comm^ee of Correspondence & the Field Officers met the Selectmen for a consultation, relative to the Draught ordered.

[**118.**] The Joint Committee came into the following Votes —Viz^t.

Voted that the List of the able bodied Men in the several Wards as it now stands be the Rule by which to draught our quarter part of the Militia, Ordered by the General Court.

Voted, that such Persons as shall Inlist as our proportion of the Militia have Four Pound as a bounty on said Inlistm^t.

Voted, that those who shall Inlist as part of the Continental Army, have Six Pounds allowed them as bounty in addition to the £. 4, now Voted, and the encouragement given by the Government and the Continental Congress.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decr. 13' 1776 P.M. Present Messrs. Storer, Austin, Appleton.

The Committee of Correspondence & the Field Officers, attended in order for a Joint consultation relative to the method of raising the Men ordered by the General Court.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decr. 13th. 1776, A.M. Present Messrs. Storer, Austin, Appleton.

The Committee of Correspondence & the Field Officers attended in order for a joint consultation relative to the method of raising the men ordered by the General Court.

Voted that Ebenezer Storer Esq. be Treasurer, for the time being and that the Fines Collected by the several Wards, be put into his hands.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decr. 14. P.M. Messrs. Scollay, Bromfield, Austin, Storer.

Com^ee. & Field Officers attended.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decr. 16, 1776. Present Messrs. Scollay, Bromfield, Austin.

Comm^ee. of Correspondence & Field officers attended.

[**119.**] Voted, that the following be read to such of the Militia as shall enquire of the Officers appointed to Collect Ten Pounds of the Persons named in their respective Lists Viz^t. —

The Selectmen Committee of Correspondence & Field officers are ordered by the General Court to raise one quarter part of the Militia to reinforce the Continental Army, by Inlistment Lot or Draught, to Inlist Men, the Committee have applied to several Gentlemen to pay the fine affixed by Law not by compulsion, but as a free offering to enable them to make a handsome offer to such Persons, as incline to Inlist into the Army for three Years or during the War, if this should answer the purpose there will be no

draught made, otherwise the Committee must be compelled to that disagreeable task.

NB. all those who have paid their ten pounds, will be excused from a draught.

Voted, that Coll°. Bromfield, m^r^. Appleton, M^r^. Dor, M^r^. Wendell & M^r^. Pitts, be a Com^ee^. to wait upon the Honble. the Council, nor any other body, in order to get Officers, appointed for one or two Companies that may be raised in this Town for the Continental Army at New York, instead of the Militia ordered to be draughted.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^r^. 17, 1776. Present Messrs. Scollay, Pitts, Bromfield.

Committee of Correspondence, and Field Officers attended.

Voted, that the Comm^ee^. appointed to wait on the Council be directed to see Coll°. Marshall, and fix upon suitable Officers to Inlist in this Town our proportion of Militia, to serve in the Continental Army agreeable to a late Resolve of the General Court.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decr. 18, 1776. Present Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Pitts, Bromfield.

Comm^ee^. of Correspondence &c. of Field Officers attended.

[**120.**] Voted, that Benjamin Woolcut be in nomination as a Lieu^t^. on the Continental Establishment.

Voted, that the following Persons be draughted as our proportion of the Militia, ordered by the Genl. Court as a reinforcement for the Continental Army at or near New York.

Mem°. the Names with this mark * have p^d^. their fines.

Ward N°. 1.

*John Osburne
*Thomas Adams
*Silas Atkins
*Silas Atkins Junr.
John Sigorney
—— Holland
—— Paine
John Fisk Osgood.

Ward N°. 2.

Capt. Fortescue Vernon
Capt. Caleb Harknes
Benj^e^. Burt
Thomas Stoddard
Joseph Clark
Capt. Vincent

Ward N°. 3.

Capt. John Blake
Capt. Caleb Champney
*Gyles Alexander
*Jon^l^. Munford & Son
*James Burt
*James Smithick

Ward N°. 4.

*Dr. Thomas Cast
John Thompson
John Nations
Gibbins Sharp
*Robert Goold
Thomas Potts
Thomas Greenough
John Baker
Shippy Townsend
Edward Proctor
Alexander Edwards
*William Sherburne
* { Thomas Atkins, Thomas Atkins Junr., Timothy Atkins }
Dr. Isaac Rand
Andrew Syms
*Will: Shattuck
*Thomas Loring
Will. Minns
*Nathl. Abrahams
Edward Edes

Ward 5.

*John Welsh
*Will. Mackay
*John Matchet
Nathl. Cary
James Jackson
Wm. Jackson
*Samuel Austin Esq.
Charles Conner
Edward Gookin
Edward Gray
*Ezekl. Goldthwait Esq.
James Codner
*John Codner
Abraham Codner
*Thomas Hitchburne, Jur.
Joseph Dommet
George Lyde
*Nehemh. Ingerfield
*Will. Clarke
Thomas Leech
*Jonn. Williams Esq.
Danl. & Thoms. Rogers
Isaac Mansfield
*Will. Homes
Capt. Jonn. Stoddard

Ward N°. 6.

Richard Jennis
Charles Williams
*Joseph Hall
Capt. Sam. Barret
Joseph & Thoms. Dakins
Charles Sigorney
Duncan Ingraham
Benje. Gorham
Benje. Thompson
Joseph Barret
Moses Grant
*Ebenr. Storer Esq.
Dr. Miles Whitworth
*John Scollay Esq.
Dr. Sam. Danforth
*Benje. Andrews
Will. Greanleaff
John Harris
Capt. Wm. Bell
Dr. Pecker

Ward N°. 7.

*Sam. Wentworth,
*James Ivers.
*Capt. Job Prince,
Thomas Parker,
*Nathl. Patten,
*Isaac Peirce.
*Thomas Ivers,
*Samuel Breck,
*Deacon Newell,
*Lindel Pitts.
*Joshua Loring,
*Martin Brimmer,
*Caleb Blanchard,
*Daniel Bell,
*Nathan Frazier.
*Will. Downe Cheever,
*Will. Cheever,
*Samuel Allen Otis,
*Dr. Thoms. Bulfinch,
Dr. Jarvis Loyd,
Sam. Pemberton. Esq.

carried over

[**121.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decr. 19, 1776. Present Messrs. Scollay, Pitts, Austin, Bromfield.

Comm^{e}. of Correspondence & Field officers, attended.

Voted, the Lieu^{t}. Benjamin Woolcut have an Order on the Treasury of the Joint Committee for thirty Pounds to assist in recruiting for the Continental Army.

Order iss^{d} Decr 19th

List of Persons to be draughted bro^{t}. from other side, Viz^{t}.

Ward N°. 7.

Richard Salter,
Maj^{r}. W^{m}. Daws,
Capt. Edwd. Carnes,
*John Pitts Esq.

Ward N. 8.

Will. Reed,
Sam. Bradstreet,
*Isaac Smith Esq.,
*Edwd. Eveland Powers,
*Ellis Gray,
*Benj^{e}. Edes,
Ralph Inman,
Joshua Blanchard,
*Will. White,
Coll^{o}. Joseph Jackson,
*Thomas Parker Junr.,
*Gowen Brown,
*Thomas Peck,
Will. Stagpole,
Joseph Turel,
*Hab. Savage,
*John Slade,
*Will Boyes,
Samuel Eliot,
*John Hills,
*Robert Ruggles,
*Eben^{r}. Hills,
Samuel Porter,
*Adam Steward,
Thom^{s}. Leveret,
Tuttil Hubbard,
Cyrus Baldwin,
Capt. John Simpkins,
Samuel Barret.

Ward N. 9.

*Capt. Will. Davis,
Moses Peck,
*D^{r}. John Greenleaff,
James Perkins,
Honble. John Erving,
Edward Daws,
*Honble. James Bowdoin,
Honble. Will. Phillips,
*Honble. James Bowdoin,
Capt. James Dalton,
Robert Jenkins,
*Sam. Whitwell,
*Jon^{e}. Mason,
*Edwd. Payne,
*John Cobourn,
John Marston,
*John Wheatley Senr.,
*Oliver Smith,
Daniel Hubbard,
*Benj^{e}. Jepson,
*Capt. Benj^{e}. Waldo,
*John Andrews,
*Joshua Bracket,
John Hunt,
*Joseph Sherburne, Jun.
*Will. Phillips Junr.,
*John Joy,
*John Winthrop,
*Nathan Blodget,
*Nathl. Wheatley,
*John Boit,
Capt. Boils,
Sam. White,
Joseph Shed.

Ward 10.

Thom^{s}. Daws,
*John Cutler,
*John Gray,
*Joseph Russel,
*Daniel Boyer,
Wm. McNeil,
Joseph Pierce,
*John Head,
*Thom^{s}. Boylston,
*Capt. Partridge,
*Thom^{s}. Walley,
*Eleazer Johnson,
*Nathl. Barret,
John Ballard,
*Rec. Wad. Stimpson,
Sam. Bangs,
*Bossinger Foster,
Benj^{e}. Phillips,
John Timmins,
*Mungo Mackay,
*Sam. G. Jarvis,
*John Tileston,
*Sam. Wallis,
*Thom^{s}. Tileston,
*Nath. Appleton Esq.,
*Thom^{s}. Clement,
*Benj^{e}. Clark,
Nathan Spear,
*Stephen Hall,
*John Read,
John Cushing.

Carried over.

[122.] Bro^{t}. over.

Ward N. 11.

*John Green, Printer,
*Stephen Cleverly,
Sam. Ballard,
*Samuel Cookson,
John Waldo,
Joseph Green,
Daniel Sears,
Benj^{e}. Green,
John Sweetser,
*John Bartlet,
*Capt. Uriah Okes,
John Preston,
*Jon^{e}. Amory,
Rich^{d}. Green,
*Herman Brimmer,
*Andrew Brimmer,
Capt. John Harkins,
*Ezekiel Price,
Robert Robinson,
*Will. Foster,
*Samuel Pitts,
Thomas Moulton,
*James Foster,
*Capt. Sam. Dashwood,
*Benj^{e}. F. Bethune,
*George Bethune,
Samuel Hews,
Henry Hill,
Stephen Greenleaff,
Will. Henshaw,
D^{r}. Joseph Gardner.

Ward N. 12.

*Capt. Benj^{e}. Cobb,
*Samuel May,
*Arnold Wells,
*Will. Lowder,
*Josiah Torrey,
*George Lush,
*Ephraim May,
*Will. Gooch,
*Henderson Inches,
*Nathl. Curtis,
*Henry Bass,
*Amasa Davis,
*Nathl. Davis,
*Will. Marshall,
*Joseph Lovering,
*Edwd. Tuckerman,
*Joshua Farrington,
*Stephen Gore,
*Will. Powell,
*Gustavus Fellows,
*John Lucas,
*Eben^{r}. Dorr,
Thomas Amory,
Isaac White,
Will. Porter,
Robert Wier — given,
Hopestill Foster,
Joseph Bradford,
John Bryant,
John May,
Zach^{e}. Johonnot,
Peter Boyer.

[**123.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 19, 1776. Present Mess. Austin.

Comm^{ee}. of Correspondence &^{c}. Field Officers, attended.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decr. 20, 1776. Present Mess. Scollay, Storer, Austin, Bromfield.

Comm^{ee}. of Correspondence & Field Officers attended.

The following is the return made of the number of Effective or able Bodied Men in the several Wards exclusive of the Independ^{t}. Comp^{y}. Viz^{t}.

Ward N. 1	- - - - - - -	30 Men
2	- - - - - - -	34
3	- - - - - - -	25
4	- - - - - - -	67
5	- - - - - - -	64
6	- - - - - - -	35
7	- - - - - - -	25
8	- - - - - - -	54
9	- - - - - - -	59
10	- - - - - - -	84
11	- - - - - - -	63
12	- - - - - - -	57
		—— 597, Men.

Voted, that a Sum not exceeding ten pounds, be paid unto Lieu^{t}. Wolcut by a draft on the Treasurer for providing Billeting for the Men he shall raise, untill further provision is made for that purpose.

Voted, that Coll^{o}. Bromfield, M^{r}. Appleton & M^{r}. Austin be a Committee to make enquiry of the Members of the Council with respect to the appointment of Field Officers for a Continental Regiment.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^{r}. 23^{d}. 1776, A.M. Present Messrs. Scollay, Bromfield, Austin, Storer.

Committee of Correspondence & Field Officers attended.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^{r}. 27, 1776 Present Messrs. Scollay, Austin.

[**124.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 31, 1776. Present Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Greenleaff.

Comm^{e}. of Correspondence & Field Officers attended.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at / p. bushel and that 6^{d}. p. Bushel be allowed to the Baker for their Charges Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Viz^{t}.

a 4^{d}. Loaf brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye meal must weigh . - - - - - - - - -	2 –4
a 4^{d}. ditto not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian Meal must weigh -	3 –"
a Bisket of a copper price - - - - - -	"

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 1, 1777. Present Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Greenleaf.

Six Jury men drawn for January Court.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 2^{d}, 1777. Present Messrs. Scollay, Greanleaff.

The Committee of Correspondence & Field Officers attended.

Passed upon M^{r}. Paul Farmers Province Accounts amounting to £. 624–2–7¼–& £. 48–18–11–as p. Copy on file.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 2^{d}, 1777. P.M. Present Messrs. Scollay, Storer, Greenleaff, Wendell, Austin, Pitts.

Information given the Selectmen that the Wife of M^{r}. Crafts in Cold Lane was taken with the Small Pox, it not being safe to move her the House was shut up & Fences Erected.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 8, 1776 [*sic*] Present Messrs. Scollay, Storer, Greenleaff.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 10, 1777. A.M. Present Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Storer, Greenleaff.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 10, 1777 P.M. Present Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Storer, Greenleaff.

Committee of Correspondence attended & agreed upon a Visitation of the several Wards, in order to the taking Lists of all the Male Inhabitants in this Town.

[**125.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 15, 1777. Present Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Storer.

Last Sabbath Morning, the Selectmen being informed of the death of M^{rs}. Crafts, gave orders for her Interment at midnight & afterwards to smoke & cleanse the House.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 22^{d}. 1777. Present Mess. Scollay, Austin, Storer.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 27, 1777. Present Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Wendell, Storer, Greenleaff.

Letter rec'd. from General Washington, inclosing Coll^{o}. Jackson &c. appointed to the command of a new Regiment by the General & in case he declines, to be disposed of as the Selectmen shall Judge proper.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 26, 1777. Present Messrs. Storer, Greenleaff, Austin.

Information given the Selectmen that a John Lysh from Tyconderoga in a House near the Orange Tree, was taken with the Small Pox.

The Selectmen having obtained his consent to be removed to the Hospital at Rainsfords Island — the following Order was sent the Keeper of said Hospital — Viz^{t}.

Boston Jany. 26, 1777.

M^{r}. Samuel Hartley

We have sent to your Hospital John Lysh a Soldier belonging to Coll^{o}. Marshalls Regiment, who is sick of the Small Pox — take good care of him, and if a Doctor is necessary you must come up for one.

JOHN SCOLLAY Chairman

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 28 1777. Present Mess. Scollay, Austin, Greenleaff, Storer.

The Committee of Correspondence &^{c}. attended, in order to consider what is proper to be done respecting the Persons draughted as our $\frac{1}{4}$ part of the Militia who refuse to go, or pay their Fines.

[**126.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 30. 1777. Present Mess. Scollay. Austin, Bromfield.

Returns made the Selectmen of the number of Male Inhabitants of the several Wards, agreeable to a late Resolve of the General Court.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 31, 1777. A.M. Present Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Storer, Greanleaff, Bromfield.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 31, 1777. P.M. Present Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Storer, Greenleaff, Bromfield.

The following return of the number of Male Inhabitants in this Town, was given into the Secretarys office of this State, agreeable to a Resolve of the General Court for said purpose — Viz^{t}.

Boston Jany. 31, 1777.

The number of Males above the Age of Sixteen Inhabitants of this Town the 1.st. Ins^{t}. as taken by the Subscribers, amount to - -		2863
of which number are — Quakers	11	
belonging to Harvard College	7	
To Charlestown, Falmouth & Newport	36	
Negroes and Molattoes	188	
In the Army	543	
At Sea -	200	
		985
		1878

Of this last Number many are old infirm & decriped.

JOHN SCOLLAY
EBEN^{R}. STORER
SAMUEL AUSTIN
HENRY BROMFIELD
JOHN GREENLEAFF
Selectmen of Boston

Suffolk Ss: Boston Jany. 31. 1777 — then the above named John Scollay, Eben^{r}. Storer, Samuel Austin, Henry Bromfield &

John Greenleaff made Oath, that the above account of the Male Inhabitants of the Town of Boston above sixteen years of Age is true according to the best of their knowledge.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 7′

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen. Present. Messrs. Scollay, Storer, Austin, Bromfield, Greenleaff.

[127.] The Comm^{ee}. of Correspondence attended for a Joint consultation relative to procuring Blankets for the Army agreeable to a late Resolve, & the following Hand Bill was agreed upon to be sent to the Inhabitants — Viz^{t}.

It being absolutely necessary that Blankets should be procured for the use of the Army & the General Court having ordered the Selectmen & Committee of Correspondence to purchase a certain number in this Town, it is earnestly desired that all Persons who have any to sell or can spare any that they may have purchased for the use of their Families would immediately inform Jonathan Williams, Samuel Austin, John Greenleaff Esq. & they shall receive the full value of the said Blankets. It is hoped every Family will readily spare one or more as they are immediately wanted for the Troops that are now ready to march.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 4. 1777 Present Mess. Scollay, Storer, Austin. Bromfield.

In consequence of a Petition of a number of the Inhabitants for calling a Town Meeting, the Town Clerk was ordered to issue his Warrant for calling a Meeting, Thursday next 10. OClock Forenoon.

Voted, that Messrs. Fleets have the printing of the Notifications for the ensuing Town Meeting.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 4, 1777. P.M. Present Messrs. Scollay, Bromfield, Austin.

The Committee of Correspondence &^{c}. & the Field officers, attended in order for a joint consultation, relative to Inlisting one seventh part of all the Male Inhabitants to compleat our Quota of the Continental Army — agreeable to a Resolve of this State passed Jany. 25, 1777.

Capt. Samuel Downe appointed to Appraise the Blankets that shall be brought to the Committee, appointed to receive them.

Comm^{ee}. agreed to visit the several Wards in search of Blankets Fryday next 10. O'Clock Forenoon — Viz^{t}.

Ward N°. 1 - - Capt. Heath & Bossinger Foster.
2 - - Capt. Eben^{r}. Hasard & Maj^{r}. Greenough.
3 - - Capt. Procter & Capt. Champney.
4 - - Capt. Cunningham & Benj^{e}. Hitchborne.
5 - - M^{r}. Austin & Capt. Stoddard.
6 - - Mess. Scollay & Blanchard.
7 - - John Pitts & Capt. Carnes.
8 - - Deacon Storer & M^{r}. Barret.
9 - - Coll^{o}. Bromfield & Coll^{o}. Hatch.
10 - - William Davis & John Greenleaff.
11 - - M^{r}. Brimmer & Ezekiel Price.
12 - - M^{r}. Dor & Capt. Fellows.

[128.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 5, 1777. Present Mess. Scollay, Austin, Storer, Bromfield, Greenleaff.

M^{r}. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse on the Province Account one James Stewart a Lad of about 8 years of Age a Stranger not an Inhabitant of this Town & having no one to provide for him. Order signed by M^{r}. Scollay & M^{r}. Bromfield.

Passed upon Abigail Lynch's Province Acco^{t}. for the Board of Patrick Toomy from 1^{t} Octr. to the 12. Jany. 1777, being £. 6.

Passed upon Messrs. Joseph & Thomas Dakins Province Account amounting as p. Copy on file to £. 5– 1– 9.

Passed upon Samuel Hartleys Province Acco^{t}. am^{g}. as p. copy to be ledged to Seventy three pounds ten shillings.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feb. 6, 1777. Present Mess. Scollay, Austin, Storer, Appleton, Bromfield.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 7, 1777. Present Mess. Scollay, Bromfield, Austin, Storer.

The following Sums were received of sundry Persons for the Interest on their Bonds, being m^{rs}. Brookers Legacies

Of Joseph Atherton, for In^{t}. - -	£. 12 –
of Thomas Marshall	17 – 6 – 6
of Thomas Cartwright	7 – 4
of John Grant - - - - - -	8 –
	£. 44-10-6

Distributed as follows—Viz^{t}.

M^{rs}. Royal & Tayler - - -	£. 3.12	Scollay
M^{rs}. Ballard - - - -	1.16	
M^{rs}. Muggeridge - - - -	1.16	
M^{rs}. Winslow - - - -	2.8	
	£. 9 – 12	
M^{rs}. White - - - - -	1.16	Austin
M^{rs}. Whitcomb - - - -	1.16	
M^{rs}. Bennet - - - - -	2.2	
M^{rs}. Earl - - - - -	1.16	
M^{rs}. Walker - - - - -	1.16	
M^{rs}. Peirce - - - - -	1.4	
M^{rs}. Wheeler - - - - -	1.16	
M^{rs}. Wakefield - - - -	1.16	
M^{rs}. Oliver - - - - -	1.16	
	15.18	
	£. 25.10	

[129.] Mrs. Horner - -	£. 1.16		
Mrs. Reed - - - - -	1.10		
Mrs. Wise - - - - -	1.16	Storer	
Mrs. Chapel - - - -	1.16		
Mrs. Wendell - - - -	2.10.6		
		9.8.6	
Mrs. Lee - - - - -	£. 2.8		
Mrs. Delaplace - - - -	1.16		
Mrs. Wendell - - - -	1.16	Bromfield	
Mrs. Wainwright - - -	1.16		
Mrs. Emmons - - - -	1.16		
		9.12	
			£. 44.10.6

The following Warrant recd. from the Judge of Probate, & ye return made thereon are as follows Vizt.

Suffolk Ss: By the Honble. Thomas Cushing Esq. Judge of Probate for said County.
To the Gentlemen the Selectmen of the Town of Boston.
Greeting

It having been represented to me by the Friends of James Otis Esq. of Boston is a Non compos Lunatick or distracted Person. Pursuant there fore to the direction of the Common Law in such case made and provided—You are hereby desired & impowered to make enquiry into the cases & circumstances of the said James Otis & as you find the same Report to me accordingly

Given under my Hand & Seal of Office
this 7 Day of Feby. A.D. 1777.
T. CUSHING, Judge Probate

Pursuant therefore to the within Warrant We the Subscribers have made enquiry into the case & circumstances of the within mentioned James Otis Esq. and do Report that the said Otis is in general in such a state of mind as renders him in capable to take care of himself or his affairs

JOHN SCOLLAY
EBENEZER STORER
SAMUEL AUSTIN
HENRY BROMFIELD

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 8, 1777. Present Messrs. Scollay, Storer, Austin, Bromfield, Greenleaff.

Committee of Correspondence attended in order for a Joint consultation. relative to the regulating Act.

Voted, that Messrs. Appleton, Mr. Boyer, Mr. Mackay, Capt. Procter & Mr. Wendell, be a Committee to consider & Report what prices are proper to affix to those Articles in the Act to prevent [130.] Monopoly &c. which are left to the Judgment of the Selectmen & Committee of Correspondence.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 10 1777. Present Mess. Scollay, Storer, Austin, Greenleaff.

A M^{rs}. Stevenson in a House opposite the Sign of the Swan S.E. taken with the Small Pox — as by information from D^{r}. Stedman who Reports that she may be moved with safety.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 10 1777. Present Mess. Scollay, Storer, Austin, Greenleaff.

The Committee of Correspondence attended in order to determine upon the method of Collecting the Blankets.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 13. 1777. Present Mess. Scollay, Austin, Greenleaff.

The Committee of Correspondence Inspection & Safety attended in order to affix the prices on such Articles as are not stated in the Act for preventing Monopolys &c.

M^{r}. John Scollay received of Joseph Atherton Two hundred Pounds Principal and Twelve Pounds Interest of his Bond, being part of M^{rs}. Brookers Donation.

Voted, that y^{e} above Sum of Two hundred Pounds, be lent to the Town of Boston, and that the Town Treasurer be informed of the same, &c.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 14$^{\prime}$ 1777. Present Messrs. Scollay, Austin.

The Committee of Correspondence Inspection & Safety attended in order to affix the prices on such Articles as are not stated in the Act for preventing monopolies &c.

This Day received of the Town Treasurer his Note for Two hundred Pounds, with 6 p. ce^{t}. Interest, given in consequence of a Vote of this Town passed by the Town 24$^{\prime}$ May last for his borrowing a Sum of money not exceeding £. 2000, which Note is for part of M^{rs}. Booker deceased Legacy to poor Widows &c.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 14, 1777. P.M. Messrs. Scollay, Storer, Austin, Wendell. Adjourned to to morrow 11 O'clock.

[131.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby 15, 1777. Present Mess. Scollay, Storer, Austin, Greenleaff.

Comm^{ee}. of Correspondence &c. attended, on the business of regulating Act.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 17, 1777. Present Messrs. Scollay, Storer, Austin, Greenleaff.

The Comm^{ee}. of Correspondence &c. attended, & Jointly with the Selectmen agreed upon the following prices to be affixed to sundry Articles agreeable to a late Act of the General Court, as a government to Buyers & Setlers in this Town for two months to come — and the Town Clerk is directed to get the same published in Hand Bills.

The Town Clerk was directed to suspend the publishing the hand Bills till the further Order of the Committee.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 18, 1777. A.M. Present Mess. Scollay, Storer, Austin, Greenleaff.

The Committee of Correspondence attended upon the Business enjoin'd them by a late Act of this State.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 18, 1777. P.M. Present Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Greenleaff, Appleton.

The Committee of Correspondence attended, and upon the Business enjoined them by a late Act of this State.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 21, 1777. Present Mess. Scollay, Austin, Wendell.

Five Jurymen were drawn by a requirement of N. Cushing Judge of ye maritime Court for the Middle District to serve as Jurors at a maritime Court to be held at Boston on Tuesday the 25′ Day of Feby. Inst^{t}. Viz^{t}.

Messrs. Ebenezer Storer
William Henshaw
Joshua Blanchard Junr.
Benjamin Burt
Jacob Williams

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 26, 1777. Present Mess. Scollay, Austin, Bromfield.

[**132.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 28, 1777. Present Messrs. Scollay, Wendell, Appleton, Austin, Storer.

Voted, that the Town Clerk issue his Warrant, for a Town Meeting on the 5. of march next to receive the Report of the Comm^{ee}. to provide an Oration for the delivering an Oration on said Day.

Notifications to be printed by Powers & Willis.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 1, 1777. Present Mess. Scollay, Pitts, Storer, Austin, Bromfield, Greenleaff, Wendell.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 5, 1777. Present Mess. Scollay, Storer, Austin, Pitts, Wendell, Bromfield.

Ordered, that a Warr^{t}. for a Town Meeting be issued for the Meeting on Monday the 10 of month Current — by the Town Clerk.

Voted that D^{r}. Eliot open the Meeting with Prayer.

M^{r}. Scollay & Austin appointed to wait on D^{r}. Eliot & ask him to open with Prayer.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 6, 1777. Present Messrs. Scollay, Storer, Austin, Greenleaff.

The Committee of Correspondence Inspection & Safety attended upon the business of raising Men by a late Resolve.

Voted, that the Chairman of this Comm^ee^. draw an order upon Eben^r^. Storer Esq. Trea^r^. of this Town to pay unto David Jeffries Esq. Town Treasurer what moneys remains in his hands as a balance of the moneys collected in the several Wards for the purpose of raising Men for the Continental Army agreeable to an Act of the General Assembly in Novr. last, to remain in the Treasurers hands to be applied as said Law points out. The Treasurer to take a Receit of the Town Treasurer for the same.

A Motion made that the foregoing Vote be reconsidered, whereupon, the consideration of the Motion was referred to Fryday 8. O'Clock P.M.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 7, 1777. Present Messrs. Scollay, Storer, Bromfield, Austin, Wendell, Pitts.

[**133.**] The Committee of Correspondence &^c^. attended.

Voted that the Chairman M^r^. Scollay draw on the Treasurer for ten Pounds in favor of ——— Jenkins who turned out as a Volunteer in June last for the Harbour Department, and actually performed his tour of service.

Voted, that the Treasurer pay forty Shillings to William Gooch, he having paid on being draughted twelve pounds instead of Ten Pounds.

On reconsidering the Vote passed yesterday respecting the ballance in the hands of the Treasurer; after a long debate it was Voted, that the Treasurer pay into the hands of David Jeffries Esq. Town Treasurer the Surplusage of the Forfeitures remaining in his hands which was levied on the Persons draughted from the Militia to march to New York, the said Sum to remain in the Town Treasury for the disposal of the Town for raising Men for future Military service agreeable to the Act of Assembly for that purpose and that the Chairman draw an order on him accordingly.

The Committee having agreed that 143 Persons be draughted as this Towns porportion of the able bodied effective Men of the Militia — the Clerk is directed to enter in a separate List that number of Persons out of the general list entred on the Minutes of the 18 of Decem^r^. 1776. as have paid ten pounds each for the purposes mentioned in said Act which Persons are & shall be understood as draughted agreeable to said Act.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 12, 1777. Present Mess. Scollay, Austin, Williams, Fellows, Preston, Dorr.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 19, 1777. Present, Mess. Scollay, Austin, Greenleaff.

Information being made by D^r^. Stedman that [**134.**] one Adams was broke out with the Small Pox in a House in Pond Lane, a House of M^r^. Vails the Baker at New Boston was procured by the Selectmen for the reception of such Persons, to which said Adams was removed.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March, 1777 Present, Messrs.

Information was given the Selectmen by Dr. Gardner, that a Child in Gibbins's Court South End was broke out with the Small Pox, whereupon said Child was removed to the House hired of Mr. Vails & Mr. Samuel Greenleaff was appointed to attend there & prevent any intercourse with said House. Dr. Stedman was also appointed to attend the Sick as a Physician, and Mr. Nazro to provide Necessaries for them.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 18, 1777. Present Mess. Scollay, Austin, Greenough, Williams, Dor, Preston.

Information was given by Dr. Cast that a Woman in a House in Back Street opposite Mr. Goolds, was broke out with the Small Pox also a Child in Long Lane. whereupon —

the Selectmen agreed with Mr. Campbell in a House at the back of Mr. Hancocks Garden, to take them into her House & provide for them, — the same Day they were removed to said Mrs. Campbels.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 19, 1777. Present Mess. Scollay, Austin, Williams, Dorr, Preston, Fellows.

Commc. of Correspondence &c. attended.

The Light Infantry Company were permitted upon application, to make use of the Hall on Wednesday Evening for the business of exercising said Company.

Capt. Hunniwell of Engine N. 9. applied to the Selectmen for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing their Engine to work first at the Fire which lately broke out at Dr. Churchs House — whereupon Voted, that he have a [**135.**] Draught for, said Premium of $1\frac{3}{4}$ in the draught for this month. drawn for

Voted, that Mr. Nazro have ten pounds allowed him for extra services the last year.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 25, 1777. Present Mess. Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Greenough.

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen March 26, 1777. Present Messrs. Greenough, Dorr.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 2d. 1777. Present Mess. Scollay, Austin, Greenough, Fellows, Preston, Dorr.

William Sutton master of Engine No. 7, applys to the Selectmen for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing his Engine to work first on the Fire which lately broke out in a House of Capt. McNeil drawn for

Capt. Hunnewell Master of Engine No. 9 applys to the Selectmen for ye Premium allowed by the Town for bringing his Engine to work first at the Fire which lately broke out in Pond Street — drawn for —

Mr. Vandale upon application permitted to deliver an Oration in French to his Pupils in Faneuil Hall.

Deacon Preston and Capt. Fellows appointed to order such necessary Repairs to the Hospital House at New Boston as the Selectmen upon viewing the same, have concluded to be necessary.

Information given the Selectmen of a Childs being broke out with the Small Pox at a House in Long Lane whereupon, Dr. Cast was desired to make enquiry & Report to the Selectmen.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 9, 1777. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Grenough, Preston, Dorr.

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed March 28, to receive into the Almshouse one Mary Guzzle & her child to be supported at the Province charge being a Stranger & not having wherewithal to support themselves and also on the 3d. of April Sarah Child under the same Circumstances. Orders signed, by two of the Selectmen. Vizt, Mr. Scollay & Mr. Austin.

[**136.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 14, 1777. Present, Messrs. Scollay ——— Wendell, Fellows, Williams.

The Committee of Correspondence &c. attended, and agreed upon a rate for sundry Articles & confirmed, the State of Prices for sundry things in this Town, published in February last.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 16, 1777. Present, Mess. Scollay, Grenough, Fellows, Dorr, Preston.

Upon application made the following Certificate was given several Masters of Privateers — Vizt.

Boston, April 16, 1777.

These Certify the Honble. the Council and House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay, that this Town have raised their full proportion of the Continental Army.

JOHN SCOLLAY
GUSTAVUS FELLOWS
HARBOTTLE DORR
JOHN PRESTON
THOMS. GREENOUGH
Selectmen of Boston.

Mr. Samuel Warden was directed to pay Mr. Treasurer Jeffries the Money he had received for all the Dung sold by Order of the Selectmen amounting to £. 4. 0. 0.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 21, 1777 Present Messrs. Scollay, Grenough, Williams, Fellows, Preston, Dorr.

Mr. Farmer was directed to receive one Robert Clark into the Alms house, who was sent here from Providence, till further enquiry can be made.

Capt. Allen Hallet from Martinique attended & informs that he left that place the 28d March last in the Sloop Republic, with 19 Men, that in about 8. or 9 Days. one of his Men was taken with the Small Pox and died, one is now sick and five liable to it & now

complaining,— his Cargoe consists of 150 hhds., Salt. 1200 Stand of Arms & 13 or 14 thousand pounds weight of Powder — whereupon the following Directions were given — Viz^t.

Boston April 21, 1777

Capt. Allen Hallet

The Sloop Republick of which you are Master being arrived in the Harbour from the [**137.**] West Indies with the Small Pox on board. Our directions are that you proceed immediately to Rainsfords Island with your Vessel Marriners & Passengers in order to have your Vessel and everything liable to Infection well smoked and cleansed by M^r. Hartley Keeper of the Hospital on said Island. You are not to permit any Person to leave the Sloop or come on board her without our permission, everything on board that will give infection — M^r. Hartley will receive from you into the Warehouse.

You may deliver the naked Arms & the Powder to the Person whom the Board of War may employ to receive them. Our further directions will be given M^r. Hartley—

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

1137C97 Boston April 21, 1777

M^r. Samuel Hartley

The Sloop Republick Allen Hallet Master from Martinique having the Small Pox on board is ordered to your Island, you are therefore to take on shore into the Hospital House those that are sick of that Distemper, and those that are liable to the distemper, you are to put into the Well house, you are to take on shore (after smoking them on board) all Goods Bedding & Clothing liable to Infection & sufficiently air and cleanse them, those Persons that are not liable to take the Small Pox after being sufficiently smoked & cleansed & having a fresh shift of Clothes you may permit to leave the Island — the Vessel you are to smoke and cleanse — and when the Vessel with the goods are sufficiently smoked & cleansed you are to report to us for our further Orders. You may deliver the naked Arms & the Powder to the Order of the Board of War.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

M^r. Wendell & M^r. Preston, Capt. Fellows & Scollay a Committee to consider & Report a suitable place for the erecting a Pound upon.

[**138.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 22^d. 1777. Present Messrs. Scollay, Austin.

Boston April 22^d. 1777

M^r. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to the Selectmen that you have taken on shore at Rainsfords Island from on board the Sloop Republick

Allen Hallet Master which was ordered to your Island by us on account of the Small Pox, all the Goods, Clothing &c. liable to Infection, & that you have sufficiently smoked & cleansed the Vessel so that she may come up to Town without danger to the Inhabitants you are ordered to permit her to leave the Island first taking on shore the Sick and those liable to Infection of whom you must take good care and Report to us.

JOHN SCOLLAY
SAM. AUSTIN
Selectmen of Boston.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 23, 1777 Present Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Fellows, Grenough, Preston.

A Peice of Land in Frog Lane belonging to Mrs. Pecker laying vacant, application was made by some of the Neighborhood, that the Street running by said Land might be widened; on which Capt. Fellows one of the Selectmen waited on Dr. Pecker & his Lady who consented that the Fence should be erected so far back at the Towns expence as will bring the Street upon a streight line.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 29'. 1777 Present Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Wendell, Grenough, Dorr.

The following Persons were drawn Jurors to serve on Maritime Court, this Day & the Fryday following Viz.
Messrs.

Thomas Boylston	Benjamin Gray
Benjamin Clark	Edward Davis
John Gill	John Newell

John Andrews

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 30' 1777. Present Mess. Austin, Grenough, Dorr, Fellows, Preston.

[139.] Colo. Hatch applies to the Selectmen, for Drums &c. for the Boston Regiment as allowed of by the Militia Act.

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse on the Province Account they being Strangers & not Inhabitants of any Town in this State — one ——— Vose, & her six Children, three of them being born at Bath & named Hancock Washington & Lee — Order signed by Mr. Scollay & Deacon Grenough.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 2.d. 1777, P.M. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Preston, Dorr.

Ordered that the Town Clerk issue his Warrant for a Town Meeting to Morrow 10. OClock, that then & there the mind of the Town may be taken with respect to the best method of preparation & defence at this important Crisis"

At a Meeting in ye Forenoon — Mes. Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Grenough, Williams, Fellows.

One Jackson a Widow Woman in a House near Mr. Marcheads Meeting House, being broke out with the Small Pox, & in such a State of health by the Representation of Dr. Stedman, as will not

admit of her removal without the utmost hazard of Life — therefore Orders were given for the erecting a Fence near the House, and a Guard placed to prevent any communication.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 7, 1777. Present Mess. Scollay, Grenough, Fellows, Preston, Dorr.

A Warrant was received from the Honble. Judge of Probate to make inquiry into the Circumstances of James Otis Esq. whereupon — the following Return was made on Said War^t.

Boston May 7. 1777.

Pursuant to the within Order we the Subscribers have made enquiry into the condition & circumstances of James Otis Esq. and Report the said James to be a Non Compos Lunatick or Distracted Person.

JOHN SCOLLAY
SAM. AUSTIN
JON^E. WILLIAMS
HARBOTTLE DORR
THOM^S. GRENOUGH
GUSTAVUS FELLOWS
JOHN PRESTON
Selectmen

[**140.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 8, 1777, A.M. Present, Mess. Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Grenough, Fellows, Preston.

The Vote of the Town requesting the Selectmen to apply to the Board of War for 756 Arms, agreable to a Resolve of the General Court, was considered.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 8, 1777. Present Messrs. Williams ————

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 12, 1777. Present, Mess. Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Williams, Fellows, Preston.

Boston May 12, 1777.

Mr. Hartley

You having Reported to us that Samuel Burgis & Abigail Hyde are well of the Small Pox, & have been so well cleansed as to be free of Infection & that they may come up to Town without endangering the Inhabitants — You are therefore to permit them to come to Town taking a shift of Clothes.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Voted, that M^r. Hartley have an order on M^r. Stephen Hall, for one Cord Wood for the use of the Sick belonging to the State.

The Selectmen gave an order on the Board of War for 587 Fire Arms in favour of Col^o. Procter which with what was drawn for before being 80, makes the whole number drawn for am^g. to 667 — the number of Persons which by a Return of the several Captains of the Militia are not able to furnish themselves with Arms.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 13′ 1777. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Fellows.

Capt. M^{c}. Cloud attended & informs the Selectmen that he left Gaudalope in the Schooner Polly himself Master the 13′ of April. his loading consists of Molasses & Salt — that ten Days after sayling a Lad on board broke out with the Small Pox, had it lightly, & has been well for several Days that the Schooner has been washed & the Things liable to Infection put into strong Lye — has no one on board liable to Infection — whereupon — [**141.**] the following Letter was wrote M^{r}. Hartley.

Boston May 13. 1777.

M^{r}. Samuel Hartley

The Schooner Polly Capt. M^{c}. Cloud from Gaudalope, having had the Small Pox on board — She is ordered down to your Island — You must smoke the Vessel well & receive on shore whatever is liable to infection, & when you have well cleansed them Report to us your doings for further Orders.

By Order of the Selectmen,
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 14, 1777. Present, Mess^{r}. Scollay, Austin, Grenough, Dorr, Preston, Pitts, Williams.

Agreed with M^{r}. John Newell of Newton, for the hire of the Marsh the East side of the Neck at £. 10. p. year & with M^{r}. Jeremiah Wiswell of Newton for the Marsh on the West side of the Neck at £. 6. p. year. Each having paid the Rents for the last Year.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue his Warrant for a Town Meeting to be held Satturday next the 17. Ins^{t}. 10. OClock at Faneuil Hall, for the purposes set forth in a late Act for securing us from the danger of Internal Enemies, &^{c}. &^{c}.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 14′. 1777. Present Mess. Grenough, Williams, Austin, Dorr, Preston, Pitts, Williams.

Boston May 14′ 1777.

M^{r}. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that the Schooner Polly Capt. M^{c}.-Cloud, sent to Rainsfords Island on account of the Small Pox is now so well smoked and cleansed, that she may be permitted to come up to Town without danger of communicating the Infection — Our Orders are that you permit said Vessel to depart after you have washed her with Vinegar, you being first satisfied for the expence you have been at.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

[**142.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 16, 1777. Present Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Fellows, Pitts, Williams.

The Selectmen having met to consider & Report a List of Persons suspected to be inimical & evily disposed, Agreed to

Report to the Town a List of Associations as appears in the Book which has fallen into our hands, containing their Original Minutes — & a News Paper which contains the Names of the Addressors to Gage upon his departure from the Town.

Mr. Scollay, Austin & Pitts appointed a Committee to wait upon the Council, for their advice relative to furnishing the Town with 126 Spades or Iron Shovels, 63 narrow axes — 63 Pick Axes being their proportion as pointed out in the Militia Act.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 19. 1777. A.M. Present Mess. Scollay, Austin, Wendell, Grenough, Dorr, Williams.

Orders were given Mr. Samuel Hartley in consequence of his Report, that Mrs. Hopkins three Children should be permitted to leave Rainsfords Island, upon a fresh Suit of Clothes being provided for them.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 19, 1777. P.M. Present Messrs. Grenough, Williams, Scollay, Austin.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue his Warrant for a Town Meeting on Thursday the 22d. of May Inst. for the choice of seven Representatives &c.

Voted, that Messrs. Powers & Willis have the printing of the Notifications.

that ——— be desired to open the Town Meeting with Prayer.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 21′ 1777. Present Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Wendell, Dorr, Grenough.

The Council apply for the use of the Hall upon Election Day.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 29. 1777. Present, Scollay, Austin, Grenough, Dorr, Preston.

[**143.**] By virtue of a Venire from N. Cushing Esq. the following Persons were drawn Jurors for Maritime Court to be holden at Boston the 29 of May Inst. — Vizt.

Mess. Benjamin Cobb	Josiah Eliot,
Samuel Hughes	Gowen Brown
Timothy White	James Allen
Jonathan Balch	Benjamin Gray
Pascal Nelson Smith	John Matchet
Thomas Parker	Joseph Bradford

were drawn Jurors for the aforesd. Court.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen. June 4. 1777. Present Messrs. Scollay, Grenough, Preston, Dorr, Fellows, Austin.

Joshua Sever appointed to take care & keep free (of other than Town Cattle) from all Creatures. the Towns Land without the Neck, now laying in common, to be paid by Subscription — Mr. Ebenr. Dorr to get it done.

Boston, June 4. 1777

Sir,

Complaint having been made to us, that Chaises Carts & other Carriages are frequently crossing the Common, to the detriment of the Land & diminishing of the feed — we shall esteem it a favor and it will be serving the Town, if you use your endeavors to prevent loaded Carriages passing in future —

JOHN SCOLLAY
SAM. AUSTIN
HARBOTTLE DORR
GUSTAVUS FELLOWS
THOM^S. GRENOUGH
JOHN PRESTON
Selectmen of Boston.

To
Thomas Crafts Esq.

[144.] Boston June 4' 1777.

M^r. Joshua Sever

The Land belonging to this Town without the Fortification on both sides the Neck, laying now open, we hereby desire and impower you to take the care of said Land, and that you endeavor to keep any other than Town Cattle from feeding thereon — M^r. Ebenezer Dorr will put you in a way of getting a recompense from some of the Inhabitants for your trouble therein.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 5. 1777. Present Messrs. ——— Grenough, Williams, Dorr, Preston, Austin.

The following was given in to a Committee of the General Court — Viz^t.

The Honble. the House of Representatives having by their Committee informed us, that they were desirous of having a true State of the Small Pox in this Town —

We would therefore acquaint them that a Person who came a few Days since from an Infected House in Marblehead broke out with that Distemper in a House on Wentworths Wharff and has been removed to Rainsford Island — that two Persons in a Building provided at New Boston, the Hospital House not being then repaired, are the only Persons in Town with the Small Pox, but so far recovered as that they may be removed in two or three Days, which is intended, and then the House will be thoroughly cleansed, the Selectmen have from time to time informed the Publick of any appearances of that Distemper, & shall not omit doing it for the future, and it may be depended upon that they are under all advantages for coming to the knowledge of such Instances. If any Persons should hereafter break out with the Distemper they will be immediately sent to the State Hospital at the

West part of the Town or to Rainsfords Island to prevent any communication of the Infection.

JOHN SCOLLAY
THOM^S. GRENOUGH
JON^E. WILLIAMS
HARBOTTLE DORR
JOHN PRESTON
SAM. AUSTIN
Selectmen of Boston.

[**145.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 9, 1777. Present Messrs. Williams, Grenough, Dorr, Preston.

At a Meeting called for that purpose Messrs. Thomas Ivers, Eben^r. Sever & Joseph Hall, were drawn out of the Jury Box as Jurors for a Court of Special Sessions of the Peace to be held at Boston on the 20th. of June Ins^t.

Voted, that M^r. Newman Sexton of M^r. Stillmans Meeting, be directed to ring the Bell at Christ church at 1 O'Clock & 9 at Night.

Voted, that John Scollay Esq. have the keeping of all the Bonds & other Securities, given for Moneys lent out of M^rs. Brookers Donation.

Boston June 9, 1777

M^r. Samuel Stearns Sir —

These are to remind you that no Interest has been paid on your Bond given us the 20th. Day Septem^r. 1773, except for one Year — a number of poor Widows are in great want of what is still due for interest, which we doubt not you'l immediately discharge upon receit hereof.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 11, 1777. Present Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Grenough, Preston,

Boston June 11, 1777.

M^r. Samuel Hartley

The Selectmen of Cambridge having acquainted us that the Widow Thayer & one of her four Children in the Barracks at Cambridge are taken with the Small Pox — Our Orders are that you proceed immediately with your Boat to Cambridge, & apply to Capt. Edward Merrett one of the Selectmen of that Town & receive from him the Sick Woman & Child, as also the other Children, if it is thought they are infected with the Distemper, and take them to the Hospital at Rainsfords Island [**146.**] where you are to keep them till they are recovered, and then acquaint us with the same, when you'l receive our further directions concerning them.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Boston June 11, 1777.

Gentlemen

We have received your Letter acquainting us that the Widow

Thayer with one of her four Children in the Barracks at Cambridge are taken with the Small Pox. In consequence of this information we have directed Mr. Samuel Hartley Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island to proceed with his Boat to your Town in order to take them down to said Island— As in the opinion of Dr. Rand the other Children have the infection he is to take care of them also, but if otherwise we hope you will take care of them till they can be made certain, when we shall be ready to receive them, unless we should be able to prove that they are Inhabitants of some other Towns, in which case they will be sent there for a support.

By Order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

To

The Gentlemen the Selectmen of Cambridge.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 18, 1777. Present Messrs. Fellows, Grenough, Williams, Austin.

The following Persons were drawn Jurors for a Maritime Court to be held in Boston the 24 Day of June — Vizt.

Mess. Joshua Blanchard Junr.
John Hooton
William Foster
Richard Salter

Mr. Scollay & Mr. Austin a Committee to agree with and place a suitable Person in the Hospital at New Boston.

[**147.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 25, 1777. Present Messrs. Scollay, Grenough, Austin, Dorr, Williams.

The following were drawn Jurors for a special Court to be held at Boston for the tryal of suspected Persons 1st. Tuesday July next — Vizt.

Messrs. Joseph Bradford Junr.
John Setten
Joseph Loring
Edmund Hart
Joseph Child
John Matchet

Mr. Cudworth appeared & offered Mr. Otis Mr. Cudworth & Mr. Conner as his Bondsman as Collector of Taxes.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 2d. 1777. Present Messrs. Grenough, Williams, Dorr, Preston.

Mr. Dorr informs that the Gates of the North burying Ground, are in the care of Mr. Thomas Adams.

(Entered in the memo. Book, Oct. 11, 1782) — *marginal note.*

Mr. Fellows appointed to give Orders respecting the repairs of the Swing Bridge.

A Certificate given to Mr. Thayer that Mr. Elisha Hutchinson is an absconder.

A Certificate given Mr. Thayer of Mr. Robert Hallowells being an Absconder.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue his Warrt. for calling a Town Meeting on Monday the 7' Inst.

Mr. Scollay received of Samuel Sterns for Interest on his Bonds, being part of Brookers Donation, £. 9 .12/ which makes 4/ our 2 years Interest, & with £. 12. recd. of Mr. Atherton Febr. 13. makes — £. 21 — 16 — which Money was given to the following Selectmen to be distributed — Vizt.

To Mr. Scollay - - - - - -	£.3 –10
Mr. Grenough - - - - - - -	- 3 – 6
Mr. Williams - - - - - - -	- 3 –
Mr. Dorr - - - - - - - -	- 3 –
Mr. Austin - - - - - - - -	- 3 –
Mr. Fellows - - - - - - - -	- 3 –
Mr. Preston - - - - - - - -	- 3 –
	£. 21. 16

[148.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 7, 1777. Present, Mess. Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Preston.

Information given that Capt. Glover in a Flag of Truce from Hallifax was arrived at Rainsfords Island having the Small Pox on board. Orders were therefore given Mr. Hartley to smoke & cleanse, and he having Reported that the Captain & seven Passengers were cleansed & had each a fresh Shift of Clothes & might come up to Town without danger — Liberty was given for that purpose.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 7, 1777. Present Mess. Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Williams, Preston.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 9, 1777. Present Mess. Dorr, Williams, Scollay, Preston, Austin.

Mr. Josiah Torrey proposes Mr. William Andrews Cordwainer & Jeremiah Stimps Gentleman, his Bondsmen as Collector.

Francis Shaw Esq. Collector, proposes — Edwd. Procter Esq. & Benjamin Burt, Goldsmith.

Mr. Benjamin Sumner one Housewright proposes Benje. Sumner Housewright & Jonathan Stoddard Gentleman.

Mr. Benjamin Cudworth Gentleman Collector proposes Nathaniel Cudworth Esq. & ——— for Boudsmen as Collector.

The Three pounds given Mr. Dorr to distribute July 2d being part of Mrs. Brookers Donation distributed as follows — Vizt.

Mr. Dorr.

To Mary Parkman

Elder Parkmans Widow - - - - - £.	18
Hannah Collins widow - - - - - - -	18
Mehettable Orange - - - - - - -	12
Thomas Coverly - - - - - - - -	12
	£. 3 – –

Mr. Scollay, £.3.16/ as follows, Vizt.

Widow Ryal - -	£. 1.4
Mrs. Ballard - - -	1.4
Mrs. Johnson - -	1.8
	3.16

Mr. Austin, £. 3 — as follows, Vizt.

Widow Usher - - -	3 –

Thoms. Grenough £. 3 — as follows, Vizt.

Widow Mary Baker -	3 – 6

[149.] Mr. Williams £. 3 — distributed as follows, Vizt.

Widow Royal - -	£. 1 – 10
Mrs. Taylor	1 – 10
	£. 3 –

Capt. Preston £. 3 — distributed as follows, Viz.

Widow Frost - -	£. 14 –
Widow Smith - -	16 –
Widow Eustis - -	16
Widow Ray - -	14
	3

Capt. Fellows —

Widow Ray - - -	£. 2 –
Mrs. Grice - - -	1 –
	£. 3

Noah Parker has hired two Stalls No. 3. & 9. at 16/3 p. mo. to commence the 19′ of July Inst.

Harry Coolidge has hired two do. N. 4 & 8 — @ 16/3 — p. Month.

Ordered that Leases be drawn for the same.

Mr. Saml. Brick Attended concerning the Towns Warehouses that he Occupys the Selectmen taking into Consideration the difficulty of the times during the Operation of the Port Bill & during the Seige of the Town have made an abatement to him of £. 41–8–4 in the Accot. of Rent against him.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 16, 1777. Present, Messrs. Greenough, Dorr, Preston, Scollay, Austin.

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the Charge of this State, one William Green a sick Stranger who has not wherewithall to support himself — Order signed by Mr. Scollay & Mr. Dorr two of the Selectmen.

Mr. Lawrence & Elisha Addington, have hired each of them one of the Shops at Pembertons Hill.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 22d. 1777. Present, Messrs. Austin, Wendell, Dorr, Greenough, Pitts.

Agreable to the request of a number of the Inhabitants the Town Clerk is directed to issue a Warrt. for calling a Meeting on Wednesday next 3 OClock.

[**150.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 23d. 1777. A.M. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Wendell, Greenough, Dorr, Fellows, Preston, Pitts.

Passed upon the List of Licensed Persons.

Passed upon Paul Farmers Province Account amounting as by Copies on file to 804–8–9 & £. 59–19–17¼ at New. Voted, to come to the choice of a Doctor for the Hospital at New Boston, & Rainsfords Island at next Meeting.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 24' 1777. Present Mess. Dorr, Greenough, Scollay.

Information being given the 19' Instt. that a Child at a House near the Salutation Ferry named Joseph Rush was broke out with the Small Pox, — Mr. Dorr gave Orders for its removal to the Hospital at New Boston.

Voted, that the Chairman Mr. Scollay give Mr. Nazro an order upon the Treasurer for 50 Dollars for the supply of the Province Hospital.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 30' 1777. Present, Mess. Greenough, Dorr, Preston, Scollay, Austin, Williams.

The Assessors having applied to the Selectmen for their opinion relative to advertising the Inhabitants of a certain time in which they would set for abatement, they were advised to publish in the Papers, that they will set the terme usually allowed by the Town for their setting to make abatements, and when these settings will be the certain time allowed by the Town having elapsed before the Tax Bills came out.

Upon the application of Mr. Samuel Hunt, Master of the South Grammar School, that an Usher might be allowed him. the Selectmen having considered the same and the Vote of the Town respecting the allowing Ushers to the Masters of the Grammar Writing Schools.

Appointed Mr. William Bently an Usher for the said Grammar School, leaving it with the Town to make such an allowance for his services in said Capacity, as at a future Town Meeting may be judged proper

Upon the application of the Watchmen for an advance in their Wages on account of the high price of Provisions

[**151.**] Voted, that from this date the Constables & Watchmen of the Town Watch be allowed fifty per cent on their present pay as an allowance for the present high price of Provisions & other necessaries of Life.

Mr. Scollay appointed to give Orders relative to securing the Lamps in the Town — a number having been broken by disorderly Persons, for several Nights past.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 31st. 1777. Present Messrs. Scollay.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 6. 1777. Present Mess. Scollay, Williams, Dorr, Fellows, Grenough, Preston.

The Selectmen took into consideration the Petitions for Licenses, when the following Persons were approved of — viz.

Morris Keith, as a Retailer, at his Shop, near Olivers Dock.
W^m. & Josiah Brown - - - d°. - - - d°. - - near Fortification.
Joanna Trefoy - - - - - d°. - - - d°. - Shop in Cross Street.
Ann Hudson - - - - - d°. - - - d°. - - - Middle Street.
Benjamin Loring - - Inholder - - d°. - - - Golden Ball.
Mary Gray - - - - Retailer - - d°. - - Head of Hancock Wharff.
Thomas Cunningham - - - d°. - - - d°. - - near D^r. Clarkes Wharff.
John Roger - - - - - - d°. - - d°. - - Cambridge Street
Susannah Caunch - - - - d°. - - d°. - - - - Fore Street
Peter Ingerfield - - - - - d°. - - d°. - - - North Street.
Michael Burns - - - - - d°. - - d°. - - - Bulls Wharff.
Andrew Burger - - - - - d°. - - d°. - - Pullings Wharff.
Matthew Nazro - - - - - d°. - - d°. - - Temple Street.

The Selectmen agreable to the power given them at a late Meeting of the Town & in consequence of an application from M^r. Tileston Master of the North Writing School-house. Appointed M^r. William Doll an Usher for said School — leaving it with the Town to make such an allowance for his Services which commenced the 2^d. of June last, as at a future Meeting may be Judged proper.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 11, 1777. Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Grenough, Preston.

[152.] The Selectmen agreed upon a Visit to Rainsfords Island Wednesday next — 8 OClock a.m.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 13', 1777. Present Mess. Scollay, Austin, Wendell, Pitts, Preston, Grenough.

The Selectmen were at Rainsfords Island, & examined into the state of the Hospital & other Buildings.

Capt. Preston was appointed to examine further into the Premisses & Report what Repairs he judges to be necessary.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 15 1777. Present Mess. Scollay.

Capt. Amasa Davis
Joseph Barrel
Schrimpton Hutchinson

were chosen Jurors for a Maritime Court to be held in Boston the 19' Ins^t.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 18, 1777. Present, Mess. Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Williams. Grenough.

Information being given that the Wife of M^r. Poor the Blacksmith at a House in Wings Lane, is taken with the Small Pox — whereupon M^r. Poor was sent for — and informed that his Wife must be removed to the Hospital at New Boston & he was desired to reconcile her to such a measure.

The Selectmen on the 16 Ins^{t}. made choice of D^{r}. John Welch, Physician to the Hospital at New Boston.

The following was sent the Assessors of the Town, Viz^{t}.

Gentlemen

It is our Opinion that the following Persons, Inhabitants of other Towns in this or the Neighboring States ought to be taxed here, for the Real Estate, they occupy and the Business they do here, it being agreable to Law — Viz^{t}.

M^{r}. Arch^{d}. Mercer
William Eskine
Henry Mitchel
——— Blair
[153.] Mess. Henry Livingston
John Boit

We are
Gentlemen.
Your Hum. Servants

JOHN SCOLLAY
SAM AUSTIN
HARBOTTLE DORR
THOM^{S}. GRENOUGH
JONATH'N WILLIAMS

To
The Assessors of the Town of Boston

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 19, 1777 A.M. Present Mess. Scollay, Austin, Wendell, Dorr, Grenough, Preston, Williams, Pitts.

The Selectmen attended to endeaver the removal of M^{rs}. Poor.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 19, 1777. P.M. Present Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Grenough, Dorr, Williams, Pitts, Preston.

The Selectmen having been opposed in their attempt to remove M^{rs}. Poor with the Small Pox to the Hospital & the situation of the Woman being such as would make force dangerous — It was Voted, that the House would be shut up, a Red Flag hung out, a Guard placed, and Fences Erected to prevent a communication of the Infection & Capt. Preston was desired to see the same executed.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 20, 1777. Present Messrs. Scollay, Grenough, Austin, Dorr, Williams.

Passed upon a number of Petitions for Licenses.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 26, 1777. Present Messrs. Scollay, Wendell, Dorr, Fellows, Preston.

M^{r}. Sam. Pitts informed that a Schooner of his named the Anna Capt. Winslow from Martinique has come too at Hartleys Island, having one Person on board with the Small Pox — her Cargo consisting of about 20 hhds; molasses, what else unknown as also how many of her Hands, are liable to the Infection — whereupon the following Orders were sent M^{r}. Hartley — Viz^{t}.

[154.] Boston, Augt. 26, 1777.

M^r. Samuel Hartley

Being informed by M^r. Pitts that a Schooner of his from Martinique Capt. Winslow Master has arrived at Rainsfords Island, having one of her Hands, with the Small Pox — Our Orders are that you take the sick Person into the Hospital & receive on shore all the Bedding & such parts of the Cargo as are liable to retain Infection, which you must smoke and cleanse together with the Vessel & then inform us of your doings for our further directions— If any Persons on board are exposed to the Distemper, you must receive them into the Well House. Suffer no one to come or go from the Vessel without our permit.

By Order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

Youl make the necessary dispatch —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 27, 1777. Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Grenough, Preston, Williams.

M^r. Hartley Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island having Reported to us that the Schooner Anna Capt. Winslow has been sufficiently smoked & cleansed — the following Orders were sent him —Viz^t.

Boston, Augt. 27, 1777.

M^r. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that the Schooner Anna Capt. Winslow Master who Yesterday came to your Island with the Small Pox on board if sufficiently smoked& cleansed, that you have taken the Men & those Articles on shore that are liable to infection, you are therefore directed to permit her to leave the Island as soon as may be, & take good care of those Goods & Clothing that are in your possession, let no Person come to the Island while you have the Distemper there, & do not suffer any of the Men that have not had the Distemper to leave the Island, till you have our Orders therefor.

JOHN SCOLLAY p. Order.

[155.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Sep^t. 1, 1777. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Grenough, Williams.

A Memorial as by Copy on file, and signed by the Chairman relative to Intrenching Tools, being provided & praying for some Iron & Steel for the Workmen, was presented to the Council of this State.

The Selectmen took into consideration the Resolves of the General Court & Council of this State directing & impowering the Commissary General to dispose of to the Selectmen for the supply of the Inhabitants with Bread 200 blls. Flour; and the Board of War to dispose of 500 bushels of Corn for the supply of the Poor Inhabitants the Flour at 30/ p. hundred & the Corn at 4/ p. bushel whereupon Voted, that — dispose of the Flour at the same price allowing one barrel to eight Head of Family & taken the Names of those who apply for it & that — dispose of the

Corn to the Head of Familys, Poor Inhabitants all — giving to each one bushel & to receive for the same 4/ p. bushel.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septem^{r}. 3^{d}. 1777. Present, Mess. Scollay, Austin, Grenough, Dorr, Preston, Williams.

Robert Newman appeared, & pray'd liberty to open a short Drain from his House in Salem Street to the Common Shore.

Voted, that Liberty be granted the said Newman to open the Drain as pray'd for.

M^{r}. Shubal Hews, attended, & agreed with the Selectmen to hire the Slaughter House near the S^{o}. Market, at twenty shillings p. Annum, for the killing of Cattle &^{c}. promising & engaging with Selectmen, that the Hides & Tallow of all the Cattle killed there shall be sold Green for the use of the Manufacturers of this Town, and that he will dispose of the Carcases of the Creatures killed at Faneuil Hall Market, to the inhabitants for one peny p. lb. profit, and that he will leave the House in as good repair as he finds it.

[**156.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septr. 4, 1777. Present, Mess^{r}. Scollay, Austin, Grenough, Dorr, Fellows, Williams.

The following Order was given M^{r}. Bently relative to the Corn sent to his Mills for the Poor Inhabitants.

Boston Sepr. 4. 1777.

M^{r}. Bently

It is the Order of the Select men that you deliver out no more Corn untill you have the whole quantity you are to receive from the Commissary General, you are then to inform the Selectmen of it, when you will have Orders from the Selectmen how to proceed.

By Order of the Selectmen.
JOHN SCOLLAY Chairman.

Boston: Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 10. 1777. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Grenough, Preston, Williams.

The following Persons were drawn out of a Box to serve as Jurors at a Maritime Court on the 16 Ins^{t}. Vizt.

Mess^{r}. Thomas Fleet
Josiah Byles
Josiah Eliot

The Selectmen have this Day agreed to allow, twelve Shillings p. Week to Henry Christian Gear, as Board, for Sarah Child, a young Woman subject to fits, & who has been sent to the Almshouse as Province Poor; but allowed to live at the said Gears.

Mr. Nazro was Ordered to direct the Attendance of the Masters of the several Fire Engines, with a List of their respective Companies, on Fryday next at which time they are also desired to Report a number of suitable Persons, to fill up Vacancies; for the approbation of the Selectmen.

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen, Sepr. 17, 1777. Present, Messrs. Scollay, ——— Greenough, Dorr, Williams.

Gave M^{r}. John Peck two Certificates for the Judge of Probate of this County, that Richard Smith Merch^{t}. & Daniel Chismore Commissary General of Stores, have absented themselves from this Town & State & voluntarily joined themselves to our Enemies.

M^{r}. Dorr appointed to make a change of the Stove in ye School in Queen Street, the present being insufficient.

[**157.**] M^{r}. Preston & Fellows a Comm^{ee}. to view the Hay Engine & Report what alteration in the same & of its situation may be necessary.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, September 22^{d}. 1777. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Greenough, Williams, Dorr, Preston.

M^{r}. Dorr appointed to Agree with Capt. Joseph Webb for a Stove for the School in Court Street, Reported, that he had seen the said Webb, who consented that the Town should have the Stove for £16, he to allow 10/ (?) for the old one, which Report was accepted.

M^{r}. Scollay & M^{r}. Williams appointed to agree with the Treasurer for a Sum of Money to be advanced for the mileage of a number of Soldiers, to be draughted from this Town agreeable to a Resolve of the General Assembly.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octo^{r}. 1, 1777. Present, Mess.: Scollay, Austin, Williams, Dorr, Grenough, Fellows, Preston.

M^{r}. Dorr appointed to agree with some Workmen to repair the North Writing School as far as should be thought necessary.

Capt. Fellows & Deacon Preston, to see the South Writing School repair'd as far as they shall judge it necessary.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octo^{r}. 15, 1777. Present, Mess. Scollay, Austin, Williams, Dorr, Grenough, Preston.

M^{r}. Doll, Usher of the North Writing School, acquainted, the Selectmen, that he had resigned his Office as Usher of the said School.

Deacon Grenough appointed to collect the Spades Pick Axes, &c. belonging to the State, and deposit them in the Chamber over Faneuil Hall. (See mem^{o} Book Septem. 18, 1782. — *Marginal Note.*)

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 22^{d}. 1777. Present, Mess. Scollay, Austin, Williams, Dorr, Grenough, Fellows.

M^{r}. Scollay having informed the Selectmen that he had rec^{d}. of M^{r}. ——— Sterns, payment for his Bond the Principal being £80. & the Interest £5–4–6– the same being part of the moneys left by M^{rs}. Hannah Brooker.

[**158.**] Voted, that the aforegoing Sum of £80 being the Principal of the Bond received, be lent the Town, the Treasurer to give

his Obligation for the same, with Interest, which Interest is to be paid as received to poor Widows, in conformity to the last Will of M^rs^. Brooker.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octo^r^. 24, 1777. Present Messrs.

Jurors for a Maritime Court to be held in Boston the 24 Inst^t^ were drawn out of the Box, the Persons drawn were Jeremiah Belknaps, Jeremiah Bumstead, Thomas Bayley.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octo^r^. 25, 1777. Present, Mess. Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Grenough, Fellows, Preston.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue his Notification & Warr^t^ for a Town Meeting on Tuesday next 10. OClock A.M.

M^r^. Dorr appointed to purchase two Chaldrons of Coal for the Selectmens Chamber and the Assessors Room.

It was agreed by the Selectmen to meet for future on their sitting Days during Winter at 3 O'Clock P.M.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 4, 1777. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Pitts, Dorr, Grenough, Fellows, Preston.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 5, 1777. Present, M^ess^. Austin, Wendell, Dorr, Grenough, Preston.

Complaint being made to the Selectmen, that some of the Irons for fixing the Town Lamps, had been stolen — Deacon Preston was appointed to take down such of them, as were exposed, & deposit the same in the Chamber over Faneuil Hall. (Entered in the mem^o^. Book Oct^o^. 11th. 1782. — *Marginal Note.*)

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 7, 1777. Present, Mess. Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Grenough, Preston.

[159.] The Tanners appeared & complained, of the Butchers that occupy the Stalls in Faneuil Hall Market, that they withhold the Hides from them, contrary to Agreement.

A number of said Butchers attended & promised to comply as far as they were able with their Agreem^t^.

Agreed, to propose a Perambulation between this Town and Roxbury, on Wednesday next 10. OClock Forenoon, to the Selectmen of said Roxbury & the Town Clerk was directed to write them accordingly.

mem^o^. the forms are entered at large; Minute Book Septem^r^. 22^d^. 1762.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 1, 1777. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Storer, Pitts, Austin, Storer, Greanleaff.

M^r^. Moses May being appointed a measurer of the Wood & Bark brought into this Town by Land. Orders were this Day given him, & an Advertisement sent to the Printers advising & cautioning the Inhabitants as by Copies on file.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novem^r^. 12, 1777. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Fellows, Dorr, Preston.

It was ordered by the Selectmen that the Town Clerk, draw in favor of Mr. Nazro in the next Draft, £4–13–4 in addition to his Quarterly Grant of £5–6–8, making in the whole £ 10 p. Quarter, it being in consideration of the high price of Provisions.

Voted that the Town Clerk have an Order in the Octo^r. Draft for £150 — One hundred & fifty pounds.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 14, 1777. P.M. Present, Mess. Preston, Fellows, ———.

The above Selectmen perambulated the Line between Boston and Roxbury as by return made.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 19, A.M. 1777. Present, Messrs. ———.

The following Persons Viz^t. Messrs. Henry Stanbridge, William Downe Cheever, Timothy White, Nathl. Pierce Merch^t. were drawn Jurors for Maritime Court to be held at Boston the 25^d Inst.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 19, 1777. P.M. Present, Messrs. ———.

[**160.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 22^d, 1777. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Pitts.

Information being given the Selectmen that Capt. Godfrey in a Cartel from Hallifax having had the Small Pox on board, was stop'd at Rainsfords Island.

The following Letter was sent the Keeper of the Hospital on said Island, Viz^t.

Boston Novem^r. 22^d, 1777.

Mr. Samuel Hartley

The Selectmen being informed that the Schooner ——— Capt. Godfrey Master a Cartel from Hallifax, was stop'd at Rainsfords Island as having the Small Pox on board, it is their Orders to you, that you take on shoar those Persons that have or are liable to have the Distemper keep them seperate untill they Brake out, take on Shoar all the Goods Cloaths Bedding &^c. that are liable to retain infection. Let them be well taken care off & well Cleansed & Smoaked. Let the Vessell also be well Cleansed & Smoaked when this is done then report to us from whom you will receive further directions those Persons on board that have had the Small Pox you may permit to Leave the Island taking Care that they are well Cleansed & that they have a Fresh shift of Cloathes before they leave the Island. Let no Persons come to or go from the Island without orders from us.

By Order of the Selectmen.

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 26, 1777. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Williams, Dorr, Grenough, Preston.

It was Ordered by the Selectmen on the 14th Instant that William Bently, be allowed sixty Pound, as Usher of the South Grammar School and for the rise of the [**161.**] Necessaries of

Life, in the same proportion as the Town have allowed Mr. Hunt the Master of said School, and this till the further Order of the Town — which is £. 40 — the whole £. 100 — p. annum.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 27, 1777. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Williams, Grenough.
Passed upon Sundry Accounts.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 2d, 1777. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Preston, Grenough.
An application made to the Selectmen by the Overseers of the Poor, that a Town Meeting may be called, to consider of some method to supply them with moneys, for the use of the Almshouse.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 3, 1777. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Grenough, Fellows, Preston.
Mr. Uran Master of Engine N. 4 applies for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing his Engine to work first at the Fire which lately broke out at the Goal in Queen Street.
Not to be drawn.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decr. 4, 1777. Present, Mess. Scollay, Williams, Wendell, Dor, Grenough.
Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting on Monday the 7th. Inst. 3 O'Clock P.M.
Mr. Edes has the printing of the Notification for said Meeting.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 10, 1777. Present Messrs. ———, Dorr, Grenough, ———.
The Selectmen having rec'd of Richard Devins Commissary General by an Order of the General Court 117 Casks of Flour wt. 417–2–14– @ 3/ p. a. amo. to £. 615–18–9, the same being for the use of the Inhabitants of this Town, it was accordingly disposed off at the same price to said Inhabitants & the money recd. was paid the said Commissary [**162.**] And a Receit taken of which the following is a Copy Vizt.
Received the above Contents of John Scollay Esq. by the hands of Mr. Isaac Pierce in behalf of this State.

RICD. DEVINS Commr. General.

Five hundred bushels of Corn was also received for the use of the Poor of the Town of the War office, which was also sold at the same price to the Inhabitants & the Money received paid the Board of War & a receit taken of the following tenor, Vizt.

War Office, Boston Septemr. 29, 1777.
Received of John Scollay Esq., Selectman of Boston One hundred pounds in full for five hundred bushels Indian Corn.

per Thoms. Ivers Cashr to the
Board of War.

£100
The Bills of Parcels & Receits are put on file.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decemb^{r}. 16, 1777. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Grenough, Williams, Fellows, Preston.

The Selectmen took into consideration the late Vote of the Town, for the regulation of Faneuil Hall Market, & the manner in which it was to be carried into execution.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^{r}. 17, 1777. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Grenough, Dorr, Preston.

The Selectmen returned a List of Losses sustained by the Town from the Enemy which exclusive of the losses returned in the several Wards amounts as per Copy on file to 1140-13-4.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 23^{d}, 1777. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Fellows, Preston.

The Selectmen again took into consideration the Vote of the Town respecting the market, & as the Butchers who occupy the Stalls decline holding them on the terms of their Contract if strictly carried into execution, & a Town Meeting is to be called relative to choosing an additional Number of Assessors, it was Agreed that the Sense of the Town should be taken at said Meeting, & the Butchers not excluded their Stalls till this matter is laid before the town.

[**163.**] Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for the calling a Town Meeting on Fryday next, 3 OClock P.M.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decr. 26, 1777. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Wendell, Williams, Austin, Dorr, Preston.

Certificates were given that Jonathan Loring Esq., Joshua Loring Junr. & Joseph Goldthwait Esq. late Residents of Boston are now absconding & have in the opinion of the Selectmen Join'd our Enemies &c.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^{r}. 31, 1777. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Grenough, Preston, Williams, Dorr, Wendell, Pitts.

M^{r}. Samuel Holbrook applys to the Selectmen for an assistant to him as Master of the School in the Common whereupon

Voted, that M^{r}. Holbrook be allowed for his Assistant £. 34 — per Year & £. 16 — per Year on Acco^{t}. of the rise of Provisions.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decr. 7, 1777. Present, Mess. Scollay, Austin, Wendell, Fellows, Williams, Grenough, Dorr.

The Selectmen being informed by M^{r}. Wendell that a Person to be unknown, had given him One hundred Pounds lawful Money, to be laid out for Wood by them, and given to such Poor Persons as they may Judge the most suitable Objects for said Charity.

M^{r}. Austin & Capt. Fellows were appointed to procure Wood for the purpose aforesaid & to Report to the Selectmen who will then determine on the Distribution thereof

(See January 13th. & April 15th. 1778. — *Marginal note.*)

The Selectmen being by an Order of Court impowered to purchase of the Board of War the Towns proportion of Steel — Capt. Fellows was appointed to confer with Mr. Gridley the Blacksmith relative to the purchase of the same & the disposal of it among the Smiths &c. & to Report to the Selectmen the next Wednesday.

[**164.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 8, 1778. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Williams, Grenough.

Mr. Hartley having Reported to us that Capt. Godfrey &c. were clear from Infection, the following was sent Mr. Hartley.

You having Reported to us that Capt. Godfrey who has had the Small Pox is now clear of all infection, you are permitted to let him depart the Island & a fresh Suit of Clothes being provided for him, and such of his things as are sufficiently smoked and cleaned, he may bring up with him. You must be very careful least the Distemper should in any way be communicated from your Island.

By Order of the Selectmen.
WILLIAM COOPER, Town Clerk.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany 11, 1778. A.M. — Present, Mess. Scollay, Austin, Grenough, Dorr, Williams, Fellows, Preston, Wendell, Pitts.

The Selectmen and the Overseers of the Poor, together with the Justices, met in pursuance of an Order of the General Court, to consort measures for a strict search of the Houses in this Town, for all suspected Persons who were to be taken up and sent to the Work house.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Justices, &c P.M. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Grenough, Dorr.

The Selectmen, Justices, &c., Overseers agreed upon a return to be made the General Court of their doings on the Visitation.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Alexr. Edwards, Levi Jennings, and Thoms Sherburne were drawn out of the Box for a Maritime Court.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany 13th, 1778. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Williams, Grenough.

The Commee appointed to procure Wood, for the Poor agreable to the mind of the Gentleman who has given by Mr. Wendell £100 for that purpose Reported, that Wood was not to be purchased and Mr. Wendell informing that money given the Poor instead of Wood will be agreable to the donor.

(See January 7th and April 15, 1778. *Marginal note.*)

[**165.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany 14th, 1778. Present, Messrs Preston, Scollay, Preston, Fellows, Williams.

A number of Butchers attended, who hire stalls in Faneuil Hall Market, and signed Leases for the same, all commencing the 1st of January Inst. Vizt.

Thomas Mayo	a	Lease	for	2	Stalls	N 1 & 14	@ 16/3d p. m°.
Daniel Saunders	"	"	"	2	"	3 & 9	@ 16/3d p. m°.
Elijah White	"	"	"	2	"	15 & 19	@ 16/3d p. m°.
Jeremiah Parker	"	"	"	2	"	14 & 20	@ 16/3d p. m°.
Noah Parker	"	"	"	2	"	4 & 8	@ 16/3d p. m°.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany 15, 1778. Present, Messrs Grenough, Scollay, Austin, Williams, Dorr.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany 16, 1778. Present, Mess. Grenough, Austin, Preston, Williams, Scollay.

Voted that the Town Clerk be directed to issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting on Tuesday next 10 OClock A.M.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany 20, 1778. Present, Mess. Scollay, Austin, Williams, Preston, Grenough.

M^r. Paul Farmer was directed the 1' Inst. to receive into the Almshouse on the Province Acco^t. and Robert Haynes his Wife and Child, also one Henry Conner, to be supported at the charge of the Province they being not Inhabitants of any Town in this Province, nor having wherewithall to support them themselves. Orders signed by M^r. Scollay & M^r. Austin.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany 21, 1778. A.M. Present, Scollay Austin, Fellows, Dorr, Williams.

The Selectmen took into consideration the Vote of the Town relative to Watchman and draw up a report for to lay before the Inhabitants.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany 21', 1778, P.M. Present, Messrs. Austin, Grenough, Preston.

[**166.**] The following Sums were rec^d. of Sundry Persons by M^r. Scollay, for Interest on M^rs. Brookers Bonds being a Donation to Poor Widows & sick Persons of M^r. Sterns, Interest on his Bond- £–5–10–6

rec^d. the 22d. Octo^r last

of Col°. Marshall - - " - - - - - - - - - -	11–10–8
of Col°. Miller - - - - " - - - - - - - - - -	31–14–4
	£–48–15–6

Money rec^d some time before.

Distributed as follows — Viz^t.

M^r. Austin.

To M^rs. Whitcomb - - -	£. 1 – 16	
To M^rs. Chamberlain - - -	1 – 16	
To M^rs. White - - - -	1 – 16	
		£. – 5 – 8 –

Grenough,

To Widow Lee - - - -	£. 3 – 12	
To Widow Wendell - - -	2 – 8	
		6 –

Preston,		
To Widow Welch - - - -	£. 1 – 18	
To Widow Eustis - - - -	1 – 16	
To Widow Smith - - - -	1 – 16	
		5 – 10
Williams,		
To Widow Royal - - - -	£. 1 – 10	
To Mrs. Wainwright - - - -	1 – 10	
To Widow Horner - - -	2 – 2	
		5 – 2
Scollay,		
To Widow Royal - - - -	£. 1 – 10	
To Mrs. Woolcut - - - -	1 – 16	
To Mrs. Balland - - - -	1 – 4	
To Mrs. Muggerage - - -	1 – 4	
		5 – 12
Dorr,		
To Widow Mary Parkman - -	£. 2 – 14	
To Widow Hannah Collins - -	2 – 14	
		5 – 8
Fellows,		
To Mrs. Wheeler - - - -	£. 2 – 3	
To Widow Welch - - - -	2 – 2	
To Widow Stewart - - -	2 – 2	
		6 – 6
		39 – 6

[**167.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 24, 1778. Present, Mess. Scollay, Austin, Williams, Dorr, Grenough.

An Advertisement relative to the Town Watch was agreed upon at this meeting, and the Town Clerk is directed to publish the same in the Mondays Paper.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 28th, 1778. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Fellows, Preston, Grenough.

John Scollay, Esq, has in his hands of the Money recd. of Collo. Miller for his Bond Principal and Interest which was given Mrs. Brooker, & is part of her Donation to poor Widows & sick People, 3 State Notes of £10 each, being £30, on Interest, payable the 18th of this Inst. January, 1778.

Ichabod Williston, appointed a Watchman in Constable Wears Watch.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 4, 1778. Present, Messrs. Austin, Williams, Preston, Grenough, Scollay, Dorr.

Richard Hunnewell applys for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing their Engine to work first on the Fire at Frog Lane, in a House occupied by Mr. Pierce.

Voted, that he have a draft for £3 — the Premium aforesaid. drawn for.

Passed upon Mr. Paul Farmers Province Accounts amounting as p. Copies on file to £9 – 6 – 12¾ – & £56 – 9 – 9½.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feb. 10, 1778. Present, Mess. Dorr, Scollay, Austin, Grenough, Preston, Williams.

The Selectmen attended, and examined the Lists of Jurymen returned by the Assessors, and renewed & sorted the several Boxes.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 11, 1778. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Williams.

Passed upon Sam. Hartleys Province Account [**168.**] amounting to £160 – 4 – as p. Copy on file.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 18, 1778. Present, Mess. Austin, Williams, Dorr, Grenough, Preston.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 23d. 1778. Present, Scollay, Wendell, Austin, Grenough, Preston.

The Captains of the, the [*sic*] several Engine Companies attended — and the Resolve of Court, excusing them from certain Military dutys was read to them —

Thomas Uran, Master of Engine N. 4 — applys for 2 Premiums, for his Company, for the late Fires at the Goal and in Wings Lane — drawn for.

Voted, that the Town Clerk draw for the above mentioned Premiums next draft — being £. 3-p. Five.

George Ridgway applys for his Company of Engine N. 6. their Premium for the late Fire at Mr. Shardons House New Boston drawn for.

Voted, that the Town Clerk draw, for same, being three Pounds next Draft Day.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 2d., 1778. Present, Mess. Williams, Dorr, Fellows, Preston, Scollay.

Five extra Jurymen drawn out of Box for the Superior Court now sitting.

Voted, that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting, March 5, to receive the Report of the Commee. relative to an Orator to commemorate the Massacre of the 5'. of March 1770.

Messrs. Powers & Willis to have the printing of the Notifications.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 4', 1777, [*sic*]. Present, Mess. Scollay, Williams, Preston.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 5, 1778. Present, Mess. Scollay, Preston.

[**169.**] Town Clerk directed to issue his Warrant for the Annual March Meeting, on Monday the 9′. Instant.

Voted, that Mess. Fleet have the printing of the Notification.

Voted, that John Scollay & ——— a Committee to wait on Dr. Cooper ——— and to [blotted] would open the Meeting with Prayer.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 9, 1778, A.M. Present, Mess. Scollay, Pitts, Dorr, Williams, Fellows, Preston.

Information given that a Child of Mr. Nicholas Bows was broke out with the Small Pox, & declining to let his Child be removed. — Voted, that his House be fenced up & a flag put out.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 9, 1778, A.M. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Williams, Fellows, Preston.

Commee. of the General Court attended relative to Small Pox.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 10, 1778, A.M. Present, Mess. Scollay, Dorr. Preston. Williams, Grenough.

Overseers met the Selectmen in order to agree upon a search relative to Small Pox.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 10, 1778, P.M. Present, Mess. Scollay, Dorr, Fellows, Preston.

The Overseers & Selectmen met after the Visitation.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 11, 1778, A.M. Present, Mess. Scollay, Dorr, Williams, Fellows, Grenough, Preston.

Information given the Selectmen by several Physicians that the Small Pox has broke out at one Richards in Tattle Street, Mr. Sheaff in Queen Street, Mrs. Jewets at Dr. Scotts, at Mr. Austin in Cornhill at Mr. Cunningham near the Red Lyon, at Scott the Shoemaker's.

Representation of the State of the Distemper was given in to a Committee of the Court.

[**170.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 12, 1778. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Grenough, Williams.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting on Satturday the 14′. Inst. 10 O'Clock A.M.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 14, 1778, A.M. Present, Mess. Scollay, Grenough, Dorr, Fellows, Preston.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 14, 1778, P.M. Present, Mess. Scollay, Wendell, Pitts. Dorr. Preston, Fellows.

The Town Clerk was directed to make out a List of the Physicians in this Town, and to give directions for their attendance being desired at Mr. Scollays House at Sabbath Evening 7. O'Clock, in order to acquaint them with the Votes of the Town relative to the Small Pox.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 15, 1778. Present, Mess. Scollay, Wendell, Pitts, Austin, Dorr, Fellows, Grenough.

The Physicians of the Town attended at Mr. Scollays House and were acquainted with the Votes of the Town relative to the Small Pox, and those present engaged upon honor not to Inoculate any Persons after the 24th. Instant and that they were ready to Inoculate the Poor Inhabitants gratis — The Physicians present were

Dr. Lloyd, Dr. Whitworth, Dr. Gardner, Dr. Stedman, Dr. Yorkus, Dr. Warren, Dr. Townsend, Dr. Kast, Dr. Welch, Dr. Jarvis, Dr. Rand.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 16. Present Mess. Scollay, Austin, Preston.

Mess. John Marston, William Davis, Caleb Blanchard, Edward Davis, — were drawn Jurors for Maratime Court to be held on the 17' Inst.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 17, 1777. [*sic*] A.M. Present, Mess. Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Fellows.

The store lately occupied by William Gray, deceased, is let to John Boyce, for £. 25 – p. year, Rent to commence the 1' of March Instant.

[**171.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 18, 1778. Present, Messrs. Preston, Austin, Dorr, Grenough, Pitts, Scollay.

Coll°. Shaw a Collector, for the present Year proposes Majr. Edward Procter & Mr. Benjamin Burt as his Bondsmen.

Mr. Torrey, proposes William Porter, Trader, Joseph Ford, Trader, as his Bondsmen.

Mr. Cudworth proposes Andrew Johonnot, Distiller, Elias Parkman Mercht. & John Fairservice Trader, as his Bondsmen.

Mr. Sumner, proposes Benjamin Sumner & Mr. John Stoddard as his Bondsmen.

Mr. Sloan Master of Hancock Engine applies to the Selectmen for the £. 3 — Premium allowed by the Town to his Engine Company for bringing their Engine to work first upon the Fire which lately broke out at ———————— drawn.

John Champinge Capt. of Engine N. 11, applys for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing their Engine to work first on the Fires which broke out in Edwd. Blanchards Greens Lane, & Widow Smalls House Sea Streets — drawn.

Voted, that the Town Clerk give a draft in the February Draft on the Treasury.

The Selectmen took into consideration the expediency of send-

ing those Persons out of the Town who are Inhabitants in other Towns in this State; but apprehending there would be great danger of spreading the Small Pox by such a proceedure — It was

Voted, not to send them out of Town.

Mr. Williams & Mr. Grenough a Committee to procure five yards of Cloth, for the Orator, who delivered an Oration on the 5' of March Inst. according to the constant practise on such occasions.

Mr. Preston & Mr. Fellows a Commee. to procure from Col. Crafts a return of that part of the Town Stock of Ammunition which were sent him, to prepare for immediate use.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 21, 1778. Present. Mess. Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Williams, Grenough.

[172.] Mr. Cudworths Bondsmen were approved of by the Selectmen, at this Meeting.

Mr. Torrys Bondsmen were also accepted.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 25, 1778. Present, Messrs. ——— Austin, Dorr, Preston, Grenough, Williams, Fellows.

Capt. Joab Hunt Engine N. 2 applies to the Selectmen for 3 premiums for bringing their Engine to play first on the Fires which lately broke out at Mr. Willistons, Capt. Malcombs, & Capt. Greenwoods Houses, North End.

Voted, that he have a draught for said Premiums next Draught Day in February Draught. drawn for

Alexander Davidson applys for a Fish Stall on Dock Square.

The following was sent the Assessors of the Town, Vizt.

Gentlemen

It is our Opinion that the following Persons Inhabitants of other Towns in this & other States ought to be taxed here for the Real Estate they Occupy and the Business they do here, it being agreable to Law — Vizt.

Mr. Samuel Brown
Zepheniah Platt
Joseph Reed
John Brown
Christopher Leffingwell
James Jarvis
Adam Babcock
Henry Livingston
John Livingston
Colln. Elisha Doan
Archibald Marcer
Colln. ——— Griffin
William Erskine
Colln. Joseph Ingersoll
Winthrop Sargent

We are
Gentln.

Your hum. Servt.

JOHN SCOLLAY
SAMUEL AUSTIN
HARBOTTLE DORR
JONATHAN WILLIAMS
THOMAS GRENOUGH
JOHN PRESTON
Selectmen of Boston

[173.] Mr. Nazro directed to require Constable Wears attendance next Wednesday.

Capt. John Elgin [blotted] of Engine No. 11, applys for the Premium for playing with their Engine first on the Fire which lately broke out at Mr. Perkins near Mr. Moreheads Meeting House

——————————— granted

——————— draft ———————

The following additional Orders were given the Constable of the Watch, Viz.

drawn for

You are in addition to former Orders now directed, that when on your duty as a Watchman with those under you, you be exceeding vigilant in the discharge of the same — that you send out two rounds at least every Night with an audible Voice — that they give the time of Night & the Weather, every 50 or 60 paces, & remember that the safety of the Town much depends, on your care.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Boston March 25', 1778.

Gentlemen

We informed you sometime past that your Town was indebted for the support of Mr. Benjamin Sprague one of its Inhabitants, at the Hospital at Rainsfords Island when under the Small Pox, Ten Pounds on account of particulars has been also sent, but we have not as yet received payment or so much as a Line from you. We are loath to commence a Suit & would therefore once more pray you to discharge the sd. Accot. or that you will be pleased to give us the reasons that prevent yon —

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

The Selectmen of Malden.

[174.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 26, 1778. Present, Mess. Scollay, Austin, Pitts, Dorr, Fellows, Williams, Preston, Grenough.

The Committee of Correspondence & the Selectmen met in order for jointly consulting the best method of carrying the Resolve of the General Court relative to providing Shoes & Stockings for this towns proportion of the Continental Army, when a Visitation of the several Wards, for the purpose aforesaid was agreed upon, to be on the Morrow.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 30', 1778. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Fellows, Grenough.

The Committee of Correspondence Inspection & Safety attended with the Selectmen, in order to make return of the visitation in the several Wards, relative to procuring Shoes and Stockings. It was agreed at this Meeting, that as the Committee for the several Wards, find it impracticable to procure any quantity of

Shirts Shoes & Stockings p^r. Subscription for our proportion of Troops in the Continental Army, that each one of said Committee go through their respective wards, & endeavor to procure a Subscription for money, sufficient to procure said articles, untill it can be repaid out of a Tax to be laid for that purpose.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 1', 1778. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Grenough, Fellows, Preston, Williams.

M^r. John Wear, Constable of the North Watch having neglected his duty was dismissed from that service, together with the Watch men.

The Watchmen having applyed for a further allowance on Account of the high price of the necessaries of Life, and the Selectmen having considered this matter.

Voted, that the Constables of said Watch have a Draft for their future Services at the rate of £. 4 – 10/ p. Month & the Watchmen at the rate of £. 3 – p. Month.

Voted, that M^r. Dorr & M^r. Grenough be a [**175.**] Committee to engage a suitable person to serve as Constable of the North Watch, and that the Constable is to look out for men for Watchmen.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 8, 1778. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Williams, Fellows, Preston.

The Committee for collecting an estimate of the Damages, and Losses this Town has sustained by the enemy, attended by the desire of the Selectmen, and such of them as had neglected their duty, were urged to compleat the business assigned them by the Town, as soon as possible.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 15, 1778. Present, Messrs. Austin, Preston, Dorr, Fellows.

The Committee appointed to engage a Constable, and the men for the North Watch — Reported — whereupon —

Voted, that Joseph Edmunds, be Constable of the North Watch & Samuel Colesworthy, Samuel Breed, and John Bovey, Watchmen for the said Watch. John Colesworthy, and Ichabod Williston were added.

The last meeting Deacon Jones, and Capt. Marston, Tavern Keepers were sent for upon suspicion, that one, and on complaint that the other, had allowed of Gaming in their Houses. M^r. Jones acknowledged the offence, and promised that he would not suffer the Play of Back Gammon for the Future. M^r. Marston assured the Selectmen, that he should pay all due obedience to the Laws.

Voted, that the Money borrowed for the purpose of procuring Shirts Stockings, & Shoes for the Continental Soldiers be immediately laid out.

Deacon Simpkins Commissary to provide for Soldiers Wives was permitted to make use of the Shop lately improved by M^r. Hubbard — for the purpose of receiving those Supplies.

[**176.**] Mr. Scollay Reported that he had distributed the Sum of £. 16 – 16 – being part of the £. 100 – given the 7 . of Jany last by an unknown hand, for the use of the Poor. Vizt.

To Mrs. Royal	£. 1 – 10	
Mrs. Walcut	1 – 16	
Mrs. Ballard	1 – 4	
Mrs. Muggeridge	1 – 4	
Mrs. Bennet	1 – 4	
Mrs. Winslow	1 – 4	
Mrs. Langley	1 – 10	
Mrs. Richards	1 – 16	
Jacob Emmons	2 – 8	
Mrs. Pelham	1 – 4	
Mrs. Usher	1 – 10	
Mrs. Nuttage	– 12	
		£. 16 – 16

Mr. Austin Reports that he had distributed Vizt.

To Augustus Hail	£. 1 – 16	
Thomas Bradford	1 – 16	
Mrs. Prout	2 – 2	
Mrs. Gee	1 – 4	
Mrs. Raymond	1 – 4	
Mrs. Popkins	1 – 4	
Mrs. Mary Marshall	1 – 16	
		11 – 2

Mr. Dorr Reports that he had distributed, Viz.

To Thomas Caverley	£. 2 – 8	
Widow Ann McMillion	1 – 16	
John Scottow	1 – 16	
Widow Mary Furber	1 – 16	
Widow Sarah Peat	1 – 16	
Widow Mary Hall	1 – 10	
		11 – 2

Mr. Preston Reports that he had distributed, Viz.

To Widow Adams	£. 1 – 16	
Widow Jackson	1 – 8 – 6	
Sarah Holbrook	2 – 2	
John Holes	2 – 2	
Mr. Peacham	1 – 16	
Mrs. Chandler	1 – 16	
		11 – 0 – 6
		50 – 10 – 6

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[**177.**] Richard Hunnewell of Engine No. 9. applys for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing their Engine to work first at the Fire which lately broke out at Mr. Crosbys House South End.

Voted, that Mr. Hunnewell have a draught for the same drawn

The Selectmen taking into consideration the great prevalency of Vice & Immoralities, have agreable to a Law of this State, impowered Mr. Isaac Pierce to oversee & inform of any breaches of the Acts against Vice & Prophaness &c. for which he is to have a meet recompence.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 21', 1778. Present, Messrs. Preston, Dorr, Greenough, Austin.

The Tavernkeepers attended, and assured the Selectmen that they would not allow of Gaming in their Houses.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 29, 1778 Present, Mess. Greenough, Preston, Dorr, Williams.

Mr. Uran Master of Engine N. 4. applys for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing their Engine to work first on the Fire, which lately broke out in a Barn in Royal Exchange Alley granted.

Messrs. Thomas Daws, Thomas Boylston, & Charles Sigorney were chose Jurors for Maritime Court to be held on the 5th. of May next.

Mr. Peirce had Orders given him with respect to overseeing & informing of any breaches of the Acts & Orders of the State & Town for the Suppression of Vice & Disorders as by Copy on file.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 2d, 1778. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Grenough.

The Town Clerk directed to issue his Warrt. for a Town Meeting Monday the 4' Inst. 10 OClock to consider of [178.] a proper method for procuring the Men Ordered to be raised for the Continental Army.

Voted, that Mess. Powers & Willis have the printing of the Notifications for said Meeting.

The Town Clerk is directed to publish the following Advertisement — vizt.

The Occupiers of the Houses in this Town which have been infected with the Small Pox, are hereby desired to cleanse their respective Houses & everything therein capable of retaining Infection, with the utmost dispatch, as there will soon be a general Visitation & such measures taken as may enable the Selectmen to acquaint the Publick that this Town is so free from Infection as that such Persons as have removed & others may return & come into it with safety. The several Physicians who have Inoculated or attended upon those who have had the Distemper are requested to make their respective Returns immediately

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER, Town Clerk.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 5, 1778. Present, Mess. Austin, Dorr, Fellows.

Capt. Hunnewell applys for the Premium allowed by the Town

for bringing their Engine to work first at the Fire which lately broke out at William Henshaws House, South End.

Voted, that he have a draught for the same in April Draught on the Treasury. drawn for.

Mr. Boyce applys for leave to erect a Shed at the End of the Store he hires of the Town — Mr. Scollay & Mr. Austin were appointed a Commee to view the ground & give a permit, for the same, if they Judge it to be convenient & for the Interest of the Town.

Voted, that Mr. Sumner be excused from any further service at the Smoke House — & that the smoking be discontinued.

[**179.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 8, 1778. Present, Mess. Scollay, Austin, Dorr.

Voted, that a Warrant be issued for calling a Town Meeting for the choice of Representatives &c. on Wednesday the 11′ of May Inst.

Voted, that Messrs. Powers & Willis have the printing of the Notifications.

Mr. Fellows & Mr. Preston to wait on the Revd. Mr. Wright and desire him to open the Town Meeting with Prayer.

Committee on the application of Mr. Boyce Reported, that he have leave to run up a Shed taking in one Window of Mrs. Cusneaus Shop, provided he runs a Fence across the whole of the Land — which Report was accepted by the Selectmen.

The Board of War have engaged with Mr. Austin & Mr. Dorr, to defray the Charge of Capt. Harringtons Men, sick of the Small Pox & other Disorders at the Hospital at Rainsfords Island.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 11, 1778. Present, Messrs. ——— Dorr, Grenough.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 13′, 1778. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Fellows.

Gave a Certificate that Frederick William Geyer is an Absentee to Mr. Marston.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 14, 1778. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Williams, Grenough, Preston, Fellows.

Overseers attended & agreed upon a walk or Visitation of the Town in order to know the state of the Town with respect to the Small Pox.

[**180.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 15, 1778. Present, Mess. Scollay, Austin, Dorr. Preston.

Overseers attended with their several Returns.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 16, 1778. Present, Messs. Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Grenough, Preston, Williams.

Mr. Samuel Hartley

You are directed to receive into the Hospital under your care one Lemmon & Sayler & a Boy, with the Small Pox, & you must

now use the same precautions to prevent ye communication of the Distemper as when this Town was not infected.

By Order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

Town Clerk directed to publish an Advertisement relative to the Small Pox.

Thomas Knox applys for liberty to open a drain from his Cellar to the Common Shoar, Liberty was granted on Condition that he make good the ground to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 20, 1778. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Williams, Preston.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for calling a Meeting relative to the Form of Government agreed upon by the General Assembly to be laid before the several Towns for their assent or dissent.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 30', 1778. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Fellows, Grenough, Preston, Dorr, Williams.

Nathaniel Colesworthy admitted a Watchman for the North Watch, in the room of Ichabod Williston, dismissed.

The Inhabitants of this Town & the General Assembly now sitting being greatly disturbed with the conduct [**181.**] of some Persons who have inoculated for the Small Pox, or concealed the Distemper — & the Selectmen apprehending for the consequences — Voted, that M^r^. Austin be employ'd, for the prosecution of such Offenders.

D^r^. Nutting was return'd to M^r^. Austin for prosecution.

The Selectmen having received a Precept from the Honble. John Pickering J^r^. Speaker of the House of Representatives, for the choice of two Persons to serve the Town in the capacity of Representatives in the room of the Honble. M^r^. Pitts & M^r^. Wendell who have been chosen into the Council — the Town Clerk was directed to issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting on Wednesday next 3. OClock P.M.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 1, 1778. Present Messrs. ———, Austin, Dorr, Williams, Preston.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 3, 1778. Present Mess. Austin, Williams, Frazier, Price.

The following Persons were chose Jurors for a Maritime Court to be held 9. of June next Viz^t^. Joseph Callender, William Gooch, Henry Hill, Peter Boyer. Dear Island Leased to Joseph Vose, Esq. Moses Vose Gentlemen both of Milbury upon the former terms for one year at £. 150 — p. year.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 5, 1778. Present. Messrs. Scollay, Grenough, Fellows, Preston, Williams, Price, Frazier, Dorr.

Voted, that Mr. Knight & Mr. Ramsdel be prosecutd for bringing the Small Pox into the Town or concealing it.

Information being given that the Small Pox had broke out in Mr. Howards House North End & declining to have the Person removed, who had the Distemper — Directions were given, for erecting a Fence, & the putting out a Flag, as a signal of Infection.

Mr. Grenough & Dorr appointed to see the above Order carried into execution.

[182.] Mr. Austin is appointed to assist in carrying on the prosecution against Dr. Nutting &c.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 7, 1778. Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Williams, Grenough, Frazier, Price.

A new Advertisement Ordered relative to the state of the Small Pox.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 8', 1778, A.M. Present Messrs. Scollay, Fellows, Dorr, Williams, Preston, Grenough, Frazier, Price.

A new Advertisement Ordered relative to the state of the Small Pox.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 8', 1778, A.M. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Fellows, Dorr, Williams, Preston, Grenough, Frazier, Price.

Information given the Selectmen that the Small Pox is in a House of one Jones, near Trinity Church, at Mrs. Bradishes Houses the bottom of King Street, at Mr. Wilds house in Cornhill & at Mrs. Eyares at Whitons Point.

Mr. Isaac Pierce having in his hands, & possession sundry Articles delivered him as the property of one Richard Conyer a Free Negro from Long Island, who lately died of the Small Pox — was directed by the Selectmen to dispose of the same in order to defray the charge of his sickness & burial, he keeping an Account of the same, for the satisfaction of his Heir or Heirs if any such should hereafter appear.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 8, 1778. P.M. Present Mess. Scollay, Fellows, Dorr, Williams, Grenough, Preston, Frazier, Price.

A return was signed & given in to the Secretarys office of the proceedings of the Town at a Meeting on the 3d. Inst. with respect to the Form of Government proposed, as p. Copy on file.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 9, 1778. Present, Mess. Scollay, Dorr, Frazier.

The following Persons were drawn out of the Box Jurors for a Maritime Court — Vizt. Samuel Breck, Edwd. Grant, Thomas Hill, Samuel Barret, Samuel Conant & Wm. Downe Cheever.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 10, 1778. Present, Messrs. ——— Austin, Dorr, Williams, Grenough, Preston, Frazier, Price.

M^{r}. Dorr & Deacon Grenough appointed to enquire into the circumstances of Capt. Hallets Boy coming into Town with the Small Pox.

M^{r}. Scollay & M^{r}. Austin a Comm^{e}. to regulate the Fish Stalls on Dock Square & to fix up the Rents therefore, at 12/ p. Stall.

[**183.**] Agreed to have a Visitation of the Schools the 2^{d}. Wednesday of July being the 7^{t} of July.

Mr. Tileston having apply'd to the Selectmen for an Assistant as his late Usher M^{r}. Doll has left him & recommending a Lad named Joseph Carrol, as a suitable Person; he was accordingly appointed by the Selectmen.

Voted, that M^{r}. Peirce who warns Strangers to depart this Town, be allowed in addition to his stated Salary of £.40 the further Sum of Thirty Pounds in consideration of the high price of Provisions &c. to commence from the 1^{t} Inst.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 12, 1778. Present, Mess. Preston, Austin, Frazier, Williams, Scollay, Fellows, Grenough, Price.

Information given that a Child was taken with the Small Pox at Greens Barracks, the Mother consenting to her removal. Orders were given M^{r}. Nazro to send her to the Hospital at New Boston. (*No entries of page 184.*)

[**185.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 17, 1778. Present, Messrs. Austin, Dorr, Grenough, Preston, Scollay, Williams, Price, Frazier.

It was agreed by the Selectmen to attend the Visitation of the Schools on Fryday the 10. of July next, as the Day before agreed upon is appointed for the Ordination of M^{r}. Clark by the Old Brick Church.

Information given the Selectmen, that the Small Pox has broke out in the following Houses Viz. At M^{r}. ———

Capt. Fellows applied to the Selectmen for liberty to build a Tomb in the South Burial Ground, for his Family use, when liberty was accordingly granted.

An Advertisement ordered to be inserted in the Thursdays Papers relative to the Small Pox.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 22^{d}. 1778. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Grenough, Price, Williams, Preston.

The Town Clerk is directed to issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting on Wednesday next 3 OClock P.M.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 24, 1778. Present, Mess. Dorr, Preston, Grenough, Price, Frazier.

Capt. Elias Robinson of Engine No. 3 applys for the Premium allowed for bringing his Engine to work first on the Fire which lately broke out at M^{r}. Whites House North End.

Voted, that the same be granted him — drawn for

Upon the Application of the several Peruke Makers who have entered into a written Agreement, not for the future to carry on their business in their Shops or elsewhere upon the Lords Day — the Selectmen have directed Mr. Peirce to call upon one ——— Lewis ——— a French Negro, who carrys on the Barbers Trade in King Street & acquainted him that if he continues to counteract the other Barbers & is guilty of a breach of the Laws he will be prosecuted to the extent of the Laws.

[**186.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 1, 1778. Present, Messrs. Austin, Dorr, Preston, Price, Frazier.

The following Persons were drawn Jurors for a Maritime Court on the 8' of July — Vizt. John Bayly, Moses Grant, Habijah Savage, Sam. Lashwood, Alext Edwards, John Winthrop.

The Peruke makers of this Town having laid before the Selectmen their late Agreement not to carry on their Business in their Shops or in private Houses on the Lords Days as the practise appears to them not only contrary to the Law of God & the Land, but to be highly offensive to the sober Inhabitants — the Selectmen highly approve of this Agreement & will use all suitable endeavors that the good intention of the Peruke makers therein may be fully answered.

Passed upon Mr. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse, his State Accounts amounting as by Copy on file to £. 1071 – 5 – 5 & £. 65 – 5 – 4.

Mr. Wallace applys to the Selectmen for liberty to open a Drain from a House in Long Lane to enter into the Common Shore.

Liberty was granted, provided the Pavement is restored & the Ground made good, to the approbation of the Selectmen.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 3d. 1778. Present, Messr. ———

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 6, 1778. Present, Mess. Scollay, ———, Dorr, Williams, Fellows, Grenough, Preston, Price.

The Selectmen being applied to by the Assessors for their opinion with respect to the time proper to be allowed for the making Abatements, the Town having omitted determining it as to the last Tax — do recommend it to the Assessors that they allow the same time which the Town has

Voted for the first tax, stating the different days and months as shall make the whole similar as to space &c. with the tax already issued.

[**187.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 7, 1778. Present, Mess. Scollay Preston, Price, Dorr, Williams.

A Meeting for Visitation of Schools see under Sept. 17 following.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 15, 1778. Present, Messrs. Fellows, Preston, Austin, Price, Frazier, Williams, Grenough.

Mr. Torrey proposes, Mr. Porter, & Phillip Freeman Junr. as his Bondsmen.

Mr. Sumner proposes his Old Bondsmen.

Colo. Shaw, proposes his last Bondsmen.

The Town Clerk is directed to give Mr. Thomas Dakin a Certificate, that he has been appointed Sealer of Weights & Measures as the Law directs.

The Bondsmen proposed by the Collectors as above are approved of by the Selectmen.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 22d. 1778. Present, Mess, Grenough, Preston, Price, Scollay, Austin, Williams, Fellows.

Mr. Hunnewell Master of Engine N. 9, applys for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing their Engine to work first on the Fire which lately broke out at Mr. Clarks House South End — which was granted — drawn.

The Selectmen gave Certificates of the usual form that Joseph Green & William Burch Esq. are Absentees.

Mr. Cudworth proposed Mr. John Knight as a Bondsman in addition to his other Bondsmen as Collector of Taxes.

The following was sent the Assessors, Vizt.

Gentlemen

It is our Opinion that the following Persons Inhabitants of other Towns in this State, and the United States, ought to be taxed here for the Real Estate they Occupy, and the Business they do here, it being agreeable to Law.

Mess. John Livingston
[188.] Elisha Doan
Archibald Mercer
William Erskin
Samuel Broom
——— Platt
Joseph Read
John Broom
Christopher Leffingwell
James Jarvis
Adam Babcock
Henry Livingston
Simeon Mayhew
Thomas Crafts
Colo. P. D. Sergent

We are
Gentlemen
Your Humble Servants
JOHN SCOLLAY
SAMUEL AUSTIN
GUSTAVUS FELLOWS
JONATHAN WILLIAMS
JOHN PRESTON
NATHAN FRAZIER
EZEKIEL PRICE
Selectmen of Boston.

To
The Assessors

The Selectmen have agreed with the following Persons to erect Boxes over the West part of the Dock at their own expence, for

the keeping of Fish, for Sale which Boxes are to be built as the Selectmen shall direct, & on the Account of the Expence the Fishermen may be at in erecting the Boxes, they are to have the Boxes Rent free for twelve months after they are built the whole to be under the direction of the Selectmen from time to time.

Messrs. Joseph Hemmingway
John Jenkins
John Johonnot
Timothy Peese
John Tilley
Alexander Davidson
[189.] Mess. Jacob Polly.

M^{r}. Scollay, M^{r}. Fazier, & M^{r}. Price a Committee to direct with respect to the erecting Platformes & Boxes over the Dock.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 23^{d}. 1778. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Williams, Price.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 27, 1778. Present, Mess. Scollay, Dorr, Grenough, Price, Frazier, Williams.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 1, 1778. Present, Mess. Dorr, Frazier, Price, Scollay, Preston.

The Selectmen having received a Petition from a great number of Inhabitants, that methods may be taken with respect to a number of Persons who have left this State & put themselves under the protection of the British King, & that a Meeting of the Inhabitants may be called for said purpose.

Voted, that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for the calling a Meeting for the purpose afores^{d}.

Voted, that Messrs. Fleets have the printing of the Notifications.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 5, 1778. Present, Mess. Dorr, Preston, Price, Scollay, Austin, Williams, Frazier.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 12, 1778. Present, Messrs. Fellows, Price, Grenough, Dorr, Austin, Frazier, Scollay, Williams.

Passed upon sundry Accompts.

M^{r}. Austin & M^{r}. Frazier a Comm^{ee}. to see the Town Pump put in proper repair.

Voted, that the new Brick Bell be rung at 1. O'Clock as well as at 11. OClock.

[190.] M^{r}. Thomas Thorps admitted a Watchman in Constable Edmunds Watch in the room of Nath. Colesworthy who has inlisted.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 16, 1778. Present, Messrs. Dorr, Grenough, Williams, Frazier, Price, Scollay.

Mr. Dorr informed that complaint was made to him, that a Person had the Small Pox in Capt. Stantons House, whereupon, Mr. Nazro was directed to order his attendance Wednesday next.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 19, 1778. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Frazier, Williams, Price, Grenough, Fellows.

Capt. Stanton appeared, and assured the Selectmen that he was unacquainted with the Persons having the Small Pox, that her name was Orr & she had removed to Capt. Fellows in School Street, whereupon Mr. Dorr & Grenough were appointed to see Mrs. Orr and examine into the Circumstances & then Report to the Selectmen.

Elizabeth Burk Wife of Edward Burk of Colo. Cranes' Regiment in the train, lately from Philadelphia was sent with her Child to the Almshouse, order signed by Mr. Scollay & Capt. Fellows.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 22. Present, Scollay, Preston, Price, Dorr, Williams, Frazier.

Information given that a Child of Mr. Fellows in North Lattin School Street, was taken with the Small Pox, whereupon a Commte. was appointed to endeavor a removal.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 24, 1778. Present, Scollay, Preston, Austin, Dorr, Williams, Grenough, Price, Fellows, Frazier.

Mr. Fellows not consenting to the removal of his Child, Orders were given for a Flag to be put out and Fences to be Erected to prevent a communication of Infection.

[**191.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 26, 1778. Present, Mess. Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Williams, Price, Preston, Frazier.

The Committee appointed to enquire of Mrs. Orr relative to her having the Small Pox at Capt. Stantons.

Reported, That Mrs. Orr inform'd them, that she came from Wrentham to Capt. Stantons about five Weeks ago; that she began to sicken with the Small Pox at the said Stantons about three or four weeks since, that she removed from thence about ten Days ago, that when sick it was in a back Chamber very remote from the Street, where no Body came near her, except her Daughter & Mrs. Stanton, & but once in a Day, when they both shifted their Clothes, that Mrs. Stanton took great care to cleanse her Clothes, all of which she left behind her, that she had no Doctor being visited so lightly & that that she is persuaded Capt. Stanton knew nothing of it, that she had a considerable number of Pocks which still appear fresh.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 31, 1778. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Williams, Fellows, Preston, Frazier, Price.

Agreed, to visit Rainsfords Island, on Wednesday next 8 OClock, and Mr. Hartley was directed to send up his Boat to Wheelwrights Wharff, early that Morning or the Evening before.

Boston Ss.: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Sepr 4. 1778. Present, Messrs. Austin, Dorr, Price, Frazier.

four Persons were drawn out of the Box as Jurors for a Maritime Court to be held in Boston, the 8 Inst Viz. Mess. Thomas Hill, Stephen Wales, Deacon Sam. Barret & Edward Carnes.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Sepr. 2d. 1778. Present, Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Williams, Preston, Price.

Selectmen went down to Rainsfords Island in order to view the Hospital.

[**192.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Sepr. 8th. 1778. Present, Mess. Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Frazier, Price.

The following Persons were choseo Jurors for a Maritine Court to be held this Day.

Mess. John Andrews, James Dalton, Thomas Green, Andrew Symes, John Matchet, Benje. Jepson.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Sepr. 9, 1778. Present, Messrs. Dorr, Scollay, Frazier, Price.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Sepr. 16, 1778. Present, Mess. Scollay, Austin, Williams, Dorr, Fellows.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen *July 10* [*sic*] 1778. Present, Scollay, Austin, Williams, Dorr, Fellows, Preston, Price.

Agreable to a Vote of the Board the 17 of June last, the Selectmen Visited the Free Schools in this Town, accompanied by the following Gentlemen. Vizt.

The Honble Thomas Cushing Esq.	The Deputy Secretary.
Henry Gardner Esq.	The Town Treasurer.
Jeremy Powell Esq.	Revd. Dr. Chauncy.
Abraham Fuller Esq.	Dr. Mather.
Artemus Ward Esq.	Dr. Eliot.
Mr. John Fisher Esq.	Dr. Cooper.
——— White Esq.	Mr. Lothrop.
John Pitts Esq.	Mr. Howard.
Oliver Wendell.	Mr. Wight.
The representatives of the Town.	Mr. Clark.
The Overseers of the Poor.	Mr. Stillman.
Capt. Dashwood.	Mr. Peck.

The Honble. Benjamin Austin Esq.

[**193.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Sepr. ——— 1778. Present—Mess. Greenough, Dorr, Scollay, Frazier, Price, Austin, Fellows, Preston.

The Selectmen having acted upon the List of Taverners &

Retailers, for the last Year, the same was returned to Ezekiel Price Esq. Clerk of the Sessions, with the doings of the Selectmen thereon, as p. Copy on file — they afterwards considered the Petitions presented, when the following Persons were approbated by the Selectmen — Viz^t.

Francis Gray - - to Retail at his Shop the head of Tilestons Wharff.
Sarah Stone - - - - - - d°. - - - - - - d°. - - - Prince Street.
Margaret Winslow - - - d°. - - - - - - d°. - - - Boston Stone.
Susannah Alwood - - - d°. - - - - - - d°. - - - Olivers Dock.
John Ingersol - - - - - d°. - - - - - - d°. - - - Rows Wharff.
Joseph Lowden - - - - d°. - - - - - - d°. - - - Fort Hill.
Abigail Lowden - - - - d°. - - - - - - d°. - - - Long Lane.
John Bradshaw - - - - d°. - - - - - - — - - - Distill house.
Elizabeth Roulston - - d°. - - - - - - d°. - - - Brattle Street.
Sarah Cleland - - - - - d°. - - - - - - d°. - - - Cross Street.
Mehettable Young - - - d°. - - - - - - d°. - - - Temple Street.
Sarah Patten - - - - - d°. - - - - - - d°. - - - Summer Street.
Timothy Pike - - - - - to keep Tavern at Winnisimet Ferry.
John Ballard - - - - - - d°. - - - - Fish Street.
John Johonnot - - - - d°. - - - - Town Dock.
Nathaniel Curtis - - - - to retail at his Shop - - South End.
W^m. Hickley - - - - - d°. - - - - - - d°. - - - HallowellsWharff.
John Kennedy - - - - - d°. - - - - - - d°. - - - Distill House.
Elijah Mash - - - - - - d°. - - - - - - d°. - - - South End.
Sarah Lord - - - - - - d°. - - - - - - d°. - - - Chester Street.
Joseph Field - - - - - d°. - - - - - - d°. - - - South End.
Francis Vandale - - - - d°. - - - - - - d°. - - - Water Street.
Matthew Nazro - - - - d°. - - - - - - d°. - - - Temple Street.
William Marshall - - - d°. - - - - - - d°. - - - Orange Street.
Andrew Johonnett - - d°. - - - - - - d°. - - - Long Lane.
John Martin - - - - - - d°. - - - - - - d°. - - - Fish Street.
Redman Barry - - - - - d°. - - - - - - d°. - - - King Street.
Moses Black - - - - - - d°. - - - - - - d°. - - - d°.
Samuel Peirce - - - - - d°. - - - - - - d°. - - - Fleet Street.
Ann Rix - - - - - - - - d°. - - - - - - d°. - - - Bulls Wharff.
Sarah Swanton - - - - d°. - - - - - - d°. - - Fish Street.

[194.] Capt. Fellows, M^r. Preston & M^r. Price a Comm^ee. to examine into the State of the Towns Lands near the Fortification, & Report to the Selectmen.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Sepr. 24, 1778 Present, Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Grenough, Price, Williams, Preston, Frazier.

Voted, that the Selectmen now meet for the transacting the Business of the Town at 3 OClock P.M.

Voted, that the last Monday in every Month be the Days for passing upon the Account^s laid before the Selectmen, and that no other business be taken up at said Meetings.

Voted, that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting on Tuesday the 29' Day of Septem^r. 10. OClock.

Voted, that Draper & Fulsome have the printing the Notifications.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Sepr. 28, 1778. Present, Mess. Dorr, Williams, Price, Frazier.

Passed upon Accounts.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Sepr. 30, 1778. Present, Messrs. Austin, Dorr, Preston, Frazier.

The following Persons were drawn Jurymen for a Maritime Court to be held next Wednesday being 7 of October, Viz. Mess. Henderson Inches, John Hooking Thomas Daking, Pascal Nelson Smith, Moses Grant & John Boil.

Passed upon Henry Christian Geyrs State Account amounting to £. 31″ 4/.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octo^{r}. 5, 1778. A.M. Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Preston, Greenough.

Ralph Morgan appointed a Watchman for the North Watch in the room of John Bouve.

[**195.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 5. 1778. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Greenough, Williams, Preston, Frazier.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octo^{r}. 7, 1778. A.M. Present, Mess. Grenough, Preston, Price.

Capt. Willson in a Cartel Brigg^{n}. from Hallifax having acquainted the Selectmen that he had two Men on b^{d}. with the Small Pox, and others sick, the following was delivered him for M^{r}. Hartley Viz^{t}.

Boston October 7, 1778

M^{r}. Samuel Hartley

The Brigantine Capt. Willson from Hallifax, a Cartel Vessel, being arrived at your Island, and having two Persons on board with the Small Pox & numbers with other disorders our Orders are that you take all the sick on shore to the Hospital. & then proceed to cleanse & smoke the Vessel & the Peoples Clothes and suffer no one to leave the Brigantine, without our permission; you must be careful and tender of the sick & acquaint us with their Circumstances and disorders & how you have proceeded, when you will receive our further directions

By Order of the Selectmen

William Cooper Town Clerk.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Sept. 7, 1778. P.M. Present, Mess. Dorr, Preston, Fellows, Frazier, Price.

Agreed to allow the Constables of the several Watches four & six pence each Night, and to other Watchmen three Shillings.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septem^{r}. 8, 1778. A.M. Present, Mess. Preston, Frazier, Price.

Orders were given Mr. Hartley to suffer the well People on board, the Cartel Vessel to come up, being first well smoked and cleansed, as also their things when washed &c.

Application by a Petition to the Council was made by the Selectmen for the advance of money, for the Hospital.

[**196.**] In consequence of the application to Council for moneys for supply of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island — Jonathan Williams Esq. one of the Selectmen received One hundred Pounds.

Mr. Hartley was paid out of said Money Sixty Pounds to enable him to get immediate supplies for the Hospital, as by his Receit on file — & Mrs. Hartley the remaining Forty Pounds, as p. Copy of Receit on file.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 14, 1778. Present, Messrs. Dorr, Grenough, Price, Frazier, Preston, Scollay, Williams, Fellows.

Moved and Voted, that Mr. Price & Deacon Preston be a Committee to examine & make Report relative to the Towns Land at the South End.

Betsey Flarraday a Child about three Years old, Daughter of Farmosa Copeland a Stranger, & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this State, & not having wherewithall to support herself & Child — Order signed by Mr. Scollay & Mr. Fellows, two of the Selectmen.

The following Advertisement was sent for a place in Mr. Gills Thursdays Paper — Vizt.

There being about 200 feet of Land belonging to the Town of Boston, fronting on the West side of Orange Street Joining the Fortification to be Leased for a term not exceeding seven Years, Such Persons as incline to hire the same are desired to send in their proposals to the Selectmen on or before Wednesday the 21.st of October Current, when preference will be given to the Persons whose Offers appear to be most advantageous to the Town.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, October 20th, 1778. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Austin, ——— ——— ——— ———

On Thursday the 15.th Day of October Information was given the Selectmen that a Cartel Ship from Hallifax with about 400 returned Prisoners, was stoped at the Castle, most of whom were sick, about 30 with the Small Pox & 100 — or more [**197.**] with a malignant Fever: as this information was given to the Chairman, he thought it needless to call the Board together, but desired Dr. Appleton when he went down to Rainsford Island to call on board & Report, on Fryday last He Reported, the circumstances of the Prisoners to be much as they had been represented, and that speedy help must be had for them or they must all suffer — The Council being acquainted with this information

a Committee of the Board called on the Chairman who attended on said Committee with the Commissary of Prisoners — The Chairman was informed by Mr. Gill one of the Committee that the Commissary of Prisoners was going to the Island to take effectual care that the Prisoners should be provided for — the Commissary was informed by the Chairman that the Hospital at the Island could receive but few of the sick, & that in his Opinion some other place should be taken up for their reception — the Chairman desired the Commissary to let him see him, before he went down & acquainted him where he might be found — wrote an Order to Mr. Hartley of the following purport — Vizt. "When the Cartel Ship Commanded by Capt. Moor arrives at the Island, you must take from her into the Hospital, all that have the Small Pox, & as many of the other sick as can be comfortably accommodated in the Hospital, *and no more.*" — The Commissary went down to the Hospital without seeing the Chairman, and returned with the Doctor on Satturday Night — On the Sabbath the Selectmen were required to attend the Council, they accordingly attended at the Council Chamber & were informed that all the Sick were put on shore & had got into the Hospital, where they remained in a suffering condition — they then remonstrated against the Commissarys Conduct in this matter, — & informed the Council that in their Opinion some other place should be provided or the sick would inevitably suffer — the Council immediately ordered the Commissary General to furnish the Selectmen with every thing they may Judge necessary for the relief & comfort of the sick, for the present. Large Supplies were immediately provided & sent down & the Selectmen were informed that the Council would take into consideration, what [**198.**] had been recommended with respect to another House &c.

This Day agreed with Mrs. Foster & Mrs. ——— to go down to the Hospital as Nurses. Mrs. Foster to have twenty-five Dollars p. Week, the other Woman twelve.

The Sick from on board the last Cartel still remain in the Hospital, and in great want of Nurses.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octor. 21 1778 Prest. Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Preston, Price, Williams.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 27, 1778 Present, Messrs. Austin, Grenough, Dorr, Preston, Frazier, Price.

Passed upon a number of Accounts.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octor. 28, 1778. Present, Messrs. Austin, Dorr, Preston, Price.

Mr. Abiah Holbrook came to Town and entred as Usher under Mr. Samuel Holbrook Master of the Writing School in the Common, the 26,' Inst.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 4' 1778 Present, Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Grenough, Preston, Fellows.

Jurymen drawn for a Maritime Court.

Deacon Preston & Capt. Fellows a Committee to see what repairs are wanted at Mastr. Holbrooks School.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 5, 1778 Present, Mess. Scollay, Austin, Grenough, Dorr, Fellows, Preston, Frazier.

The Justices attended according to the invitation of the Selectmen to consult the best methods to prevent any Exhibitions this Evening agreable to a Resolve of the Council transmitted to the Selectmen, Yesterday.

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 18, 1778. Present Mess. Scollay ——— Austin, Williams, Dorr, Grenough, Price.

Mr. Preston and Capt. Fellows — a Commee. to examine & Judge what the expence of repairing the head of the High Way at Beach Street will amount to, & to know what part the Abutters will take of said Repairs.

[**199.**] Mr. Abiah Holbrook attended, and was appointed Usher for the Writing School in the Common, his Salary to commence from 26′ of October last.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 25, 1778. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Preston, Price, Fellows, Frazier.

Voted, that the Overseers of the Poor be desired to meet the Selectmen at their Chamber at 10 OClock & that the Constables, be also ask'd to attend, it being to consult on a matter recommended by the Council of this State — see below the 30′

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novemr. 27, 1778 Present Mess.; ——— Austin, Dorr, Fellows, Preston, Frazier, Price.

The Overseers of the Poor & the Constables attended, and agreed upon a visitation to be had this Morning by the Overseers & Selectmen in order to enquire what Strangers are in the several Houses, and to take the names of such Persons, & to meet this Evening at 5. O'Clock at the Selectmens Chamber to make Report.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novem. 27, 1778, P.M. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Fellows, Price, Dorr, Grenough, Preston, Frazier.

The Overseers & Selectmen met in the Evening and made return to the Council as p. Copy on file.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 30, 1778 Present, Mess. Austin, Dorr, Scollay, Price, Grenough.

On the 25 Instt. the Committee appointed on the 18′ of said Month, having represented to the Selectmen that the charge of repairing the Head of the high Way at Beach Street, would amount to about £150 — the Question was put whether the said

Head should be repaired & passed in the Negative, the Selectmen being of opinion that the present Circumstances of the Town will not admit of this Expence.

The Account of the Town Stock of Powder &c. as lodged or distributed, made out 18.' October 1778, is now on file.

Agreed with Mr. Edmunds & Mr. Roulston to ring their Bells at 11– 1– & 9– OClock, £. 18 p. Annum Edmunds to commence two months back.

[**200.**] George Ridgway of Engine No. 6, applies for Premium for a Fire at Mr. House New Boston.

Voted, that he have a draft for the same—— drawn for.

Passed upon sundry Town Accounts — Vizt.

Martha Leveretts	£. 74–	18–	
Assessors	2409–	15–	
Samuel Sloans	12–	14–	
Jonathan Brown	5–	9–	4
John Means	4–	10–	
Charles Sigorney	20–		
Jonathan Balchs - - - 2 Accots.	22–	4–	8
William Moore	20–	3–	10

Passed upon William Coopers Accot.

Jacob Coopers - - - - - - - - - do.

Voted, that Mr. Nazro have a draft this ——— Quarter endg. the 1' December next at the rate of ——— One hundred & fifty Pounds p. Annum for the Towns Business done by him, exclusive of the State Hospital Business — in consideration of the high price of Provisions.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decemr. 1. 1778. Present, Mess. Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Fellows, Grenough, Frazier.

Deacon Grenough & Mr. Dorr, Reported, that it is necessary to have the Fences bordering on Mr. Tilestons Land repair'd — whereupon they were desired to order the necessary repairs to the North Writing School Fences, bordering on said Tilestons Land.

Voted, that the Rents of the Town Interest be raised upon every hundred Pound Old tenor to Fifty pound lawful, and so in proportion for a lesser sum.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, December 3d. 1778. Present, Messrs. Dorr, Grenough, Scollay, Preston, Frazier, Price, Fellows.

Passed upon the following Town Accounts, at their Meeting Yesterday.

Thomas & John Fleets	£. 28.	3–	
John Gills	64–	14	
Benjamin Edes's	186.	8.	3
John Scollay Esq.	42–	14	
George Ridgway	8.	5	

[**201.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 4, 1778 Present, Mess. Scollay, Preston, Grenough, Austin, Frazier.

Six Jurors chosen for a Maritime Court, Viz — Mess. Henderson, Inches, Samuel Brick, Isaac Pierce, James Allen, Jon^n. Cary, Robert Wyer.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^r. 10, 1778. Present, Messrs. Williams, Grenough, Dorr, Price, Austin, Scollay, Frazier, Fellows.

M^r. William Scott informs the Selectmen that he has admitted into his House as Tenants, Antone Fabre, & Etenne Gerand, both French Men.

It is agreed with M^r. Andrew Tukesbury of Chelsea Yeoman, that he shall have Deer Island & the Buildings thereon at the rent of £. 175 – p. Year to commence from the 29^t of march 1779 — & to end the 25.^t of march 1780 — upon the terms & conditions of the Lease to Vose (mem^o. what Repairs he makes this Winter for his convenience, on the House Barn &^c. is to be at his own charge) — to get one Bondsmen.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^r. 16. 1778. Present, Mess^r. Dorr, Grenough, Fellows, Austin, Grenough, Frazier, Price.

The Selectmen agree to meet Fryday next, 3. OClock afternoon, in order to determine upon a Town Meeting relative to supplying Soldiers Familys, &c.

M^r. Williams & M^r. Frazier a Comm^ee. to take into consideration the state of the Town Rents & to Report what advancement may be proper.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^r. 18, 1778 Present Messrs. Williams, Austin, Dorr, Scollay, Frazier.

A Memorial to the Council relative to the distresses of the Town by the scarcity of Flour, was this Afternoon sent in to them, as p. Copy on file.

[**202.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 23^d. 1778. Present, Messrs. Austin, Dorr, Grenough, Preston, Price, Williams, Scollay.

The Comm^ee. to consider what Rents are proper to be paid by the Towns Tenants — Reported & it was agreed by the Selectmen, that the following Sums be set upon the Town Estates from the next Quarter — Viz^t.

M^r. Bricks Store - - - - - - - - - -	£. 10 – –	p. Quarter
Shop & Store improved by M^r. Bois - -	25 –	p. — d^o.
Cazneaus Shop - - - - - - - - - - -	87 – 10/	p. — d^o.
George Roulstons House - - - - - - -	7 – 10/	p. — d^o.
M^r. Mullins - - - - - - - - - - - -	5 –	p. — d^o.
the two Shops - d^o. - - p. Walker & Adlington - - - - - - - - - - - -	5 –	p. — d^o.
the further one - - - - - - - - - - -	3 – –	p. — d^o.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 28, 1778. Present, Mess. Dorr, Price ——— ——— ——— ———.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^{r}. 29, 1778. Present, Messrs. Grenough, Dorr, Austin, Price.

Information being given the Selectmen that one or more Persons had the Small Pox on board the private Ship of War the Mars Capt. Gilbert Ash — whereupon Orders were given M^{r}. Hartley Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island, to go to Nantasket & receive the Sick from the Mars Capt. Gilbert having informed us, that Col^{o}. Sears the Owner of his Ship will be answerable for the charge.

D^{r}. Cast informs that one M^{rs}. Ewing near the North Writing School is broke out with the Small Pox.

There being a Resolve of Council permitting the several Towns to receive a proportion of Small Arms from the Board of War, it was agreed that application should be made for one hundred & twenty Fire Arms which the Selectmen apprehend to be this Towns proportion of said Arms, allowing six Arms to One hundred Men.

The Selectmen having received an Order from the Judge of Probates of the County of Suffolk to examine into the Circumstances of John Hews Baker, made Return that he was a distracted or Non Compos Person.

[**203.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 5. 1779. Present, Messrs. Austin, Dorr, Fellows, Preston, Grenough, Frazier, Scollay, Price.

Voted, that the Constables of the Town Watch have nine Shillings p. Night allowance for their service from the 1^{t} of this Month, and that the other Watchmen have six shillings p. night from that time, on account of the high price of Provisions.

Passed upon Paul Farmers State Accounts amounting to £. 25 – 25 – 7 – 5½ & £. 61 – 15 – 0½ – as p. Copys on file.

Passed upon several Town Accounts at a former & this Meeting, Viz^{t}.

John Bennets - - -	Acco^{t}.	- -	£. 24″ 17 –
Gustavus Fellows - -	d^{o}.	- -	25″ 8
Jeremiah Stimpsons - -	d^{o}.	- -	20″ 5″ 4
Moses Mays - - -	d^{o}.	- -	24″ 6 —
William & James Cunningham	d^{o}.	- -	8″ 14 – 9
M^{r}. Nazros Acco^{t}. - - -	- -	- -	14 – 8 –

M^{r}. George Ridgway Master of Engine N. 6 — applies to the Selectmen for the premium allowed by the Town, for bringing his Engine to work first on the fire which lately broke out at M^{r}. Carnes's House New Boston —

Voted, that he have a draft for the same in Decr. draft — drawn —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 12, 1779. Present, Messrs. Austin, Dorr, Williams, Grenough, Frazier, Price.

On the application of a number of the Inhabitants the Town Clerk was directed to issue a Warrant for a Town meeting on Wednesday the 13.^{t} Inst^{t}. 10. OClock — A.M.

M^{r}. Edes had the printing of the Notifications.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 13, 1779. Present, Austin, Dorr, Frazier, Scollay, Price.

Agreed by the Selectmen that the Stalls without the Market House shall be one Shilling p. Day a Stall.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 20, 1779. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Williams, Frazier.

Capt. John Champiny of Engine N°. 11 — applys for the Premium allowed for the Fire at Cow Lane.

Voted, that he have a draft — drawn —

[**204.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 21, 1779. Present, Messrs. Frazier, Austin, Dorr, Scollay, Grenough.

Capt. Ridgway of Engine N. 6. applies for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing his Engine to work on the fire which this Day broke out in a House at New Boston.

Voted, that he have a draft for his premium on next Draft — drawn —

Voted — that the Town Clerk be directed to make an Estimate of the whole loss sustained by the Inhabitants from the Enemy, before their return to Boston, as will appear by the return of the Committees appointed to Collect said Damages in the several Wards.

Passed upon William Henry Geyrs Province Acco^ts. for supporting one Sarah Child a Stranger, amounting to £. 17 – 12 – 4

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 25, 1779. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, ——— ——— ——— ———

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 27, 1779 — A.M. Present, Mess. Austin, Dorr, Frazier.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 27, 1779 — P.M. Present, Mess. Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Fellows, Preston, Frazier —

The following Persons were drawn Jurors for a Maritime Court to be held in Boston on the 2^d. of February 1779.

Viz. Mess. Nehemiah Somes — Samuel Dashwood, Robt. Wyer, Samuel Conant, William Cunningham, William Phillips Junr.

Voted, that the Town Clerk deliver the several Collectors Certificates that the Selectmen have no objection to their delivering the Tax Books to the Collectors, they having already given Bond & taken the Oath, prescribed by Law —

Passed upon the following Town acco^ts. at this Meeting.

Benjamin Jeffrys	-	-	Acco^t.	-	-	£. 4″ 10
Thomas Ruggles	-	-	d^o.	-	-	32′ 3 – 1
Thomas Adams	-	-	d^o.	-	-	18″ 14. 2
Matthew Wakefeild	-	-	d^o.	-	-	4′ 16 –

[**205.**] Voted, that M^r. Lindsay G. Wallace Clerk of Faneuil Hall Market, have for his trouble £. 15 – p. Quarter, besides one quarter of the Income of the Stalls without the Market House —

Voted, that Capt. Gustavus Fellows, allow for the Rent of both sides of the Town Lands on the Neck twenty-five Pounds for the Year 1778 — and that the Town Treasurer call upon him for the same —

Capt. Fellows applies to the Selectmen for the hire of the Lands on the Neck the next Year, provided the Town does not otherwise dispose of them.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 3^{d}. 1779. Present, Mess. Austin, Dorr, Fellows, Grenough, Preston, Scollay, Frazier.

D^{r}. ——— Whipple appointed to the Care of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island — and D^{r}. Nathaniel Walker Appleton, Williams, Price to the care of the State Hospital at New Boston.

The Selectmen taking into consideration, the Rent that should now be paid by the Butchers for the Stalls which they Occupy in Faneuil Hall Market.

Voted, that Stalls N. 12 & 22 - pay £. 4 – 10/ p. m^{o}.
13 " 21 - - - - - - 4 – p. d^{o}.
14 - - 20 - - - - - - 4 – 10/ p. d^{o}.
16 - - 18 - - - - - - 4 – 10/ p. d^{o}.
1 - - 17 - - - - - - 4 – 10/ p. d^{o}.
2 - - 10 - - - - - - 4 – p. d^{o}.
3 - - 9 - - - - - - 4 – 10/ p. d^{o}.
4 - - 8 - - - - - - 4 – 10/ p. d^{o}.
5 - - 7 - - - - - - 4 – 10/ p. d^{o}.
6 - - - - - - - - - – 35/ p. d^{o}.
17 - - - - - - - - - – 35/ p. d^{o}.

Deacon John Preston appointed Sealer of Wood in the room of Henry Allen deceased, for the South Division.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 10, 1779. Present, Mess. Grenough, Preston, Austin, Dorr, Frazier, Price, Fellows, Scollay, Williams —

[**206.**] The following was sent the Assessors — Viz^{t}.

Boston, Feby. 11, 1779.

Gentlemen

It is our opinion, that the following Persons Inhabitants of other Towns in this State, and the United States ought to be taxed here for the Real Estate they Occupy, and the Business they do here, it being agreeable to Law.

Mess^{r}. John Livingston	Simeon Mayo
Henry Livingston	Nathaniel Crafts
Peter Livingston	Paul Dudley Sergeant
Elisha Doane	David Dickson
William Erskin	Samuel P. Savage
Samuel Brown	Sampson Reed
John Brown	John Broom
Jeremiah Platt	Peter Tallman
Adam Babcock	Mon^{s}. Moreau
William Thompson	Louis Herau

We are

Gentlemen

Your humble Servants.

To The Gentlemen Assessors.

Mem^{o}. was not sent.

Gave a Certificate to the Judge of Probates that Mr. Thomas Brinley late of this Town Distiller is an Absentee.

[207.] Capt. Fellows Reports that he has distributed the Sum of Eleven Pounds fourteen Shillings being part of the One hundd. Pounds,* given for the Poor of this Town by an unknown hand, which was paid the Selectmen by Oliver Wendell Esq. the 7th. January 1778 — Vizt.

To Mrs. Wheeler - - - - - -	£. 2– 2	
To Mrs. Curtis - - - - - -	2– 2	
To the Widow Welch - - - - -	2– 2	
To the Widow Peters - - - - -	2– 2	
To the Widow Sarah Stuart - - - -	–18	
To M. Stuart - - - - - -	1–10	
To Mrs. Patterson - - - - - -	18	
		£. 11.14
By Deacon Grenough — Vizt.		
To the Widow Wakefeild - - - -	£. 3-12	
To Widow Darricot - - - - -	" 12	
To the Widow Beers - - - - -	1. 4	
To the Widow Edwards - - - - -	1. 4	
To the Widow Mr. Million - - - -	1.10	
To the Widow Newell - - - - -	1. 4	
To the Widow Brown - - - - -	1. 4	
To the Widow Vezey - - - - -	.12	
		11.2
By Mr. Pitts, thro' Mr. Scollay — Vizt.		
To Mrs. Dennie - - - - - -	£. 1– 4	
To Mrs. Emmons - - - - - -	1–10	
To Mrs. Dike - - - - - - -	1. 4	
To Mrs. Hawse - - - - - -	1. 4	
To Mrs. Marston - - - - - -	1. 4	
		6. 6

Mr. George Hamlin was permitted to take the Town Bull now at Hog Island, and keep the same free of charge from the Town, untill next March Meeting.

Mess. Austin & Scollay a Commte. to confer with the Council relative to the moneys due to Capt. Fellows & to press the payment.

Passed upon the Assessors Account amounting to £. 1035.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 17, 1779. Present, Messrs. Austin, Dorr, Grenough, Scollay, Frazier, Fellows.

[208.] Agreed with Mr. Joshua Farrington of Boston Merchant, to Lease to him a peice of the Towns Land near the Fortification, fronting on Orange Street, and there measuring one straight line from ye Street about 200 feet including the old Fortification — running Westerly on the Sea, to low Water mark & northerly on Land belonging to Mr. Jacob Fox — the term

* Memo. Mr. Wendell & Mr. Williams received their part of the £100 — given in by an unknown hand 7 Jany 1778 & have distributed it accordingly, but cannot remember to whom they having lost the Memo. see the former Book April 5, 1778.

seven Years to commence from the 1st. of February Instt. the consideration to be £. 50 — p. year — he to have liberty to pay the whole Sum at once. Memo. no Building to be erected without the Fortification on said Land. If the Fortification should be improved hereafter by the Publick, no part of the Rent is to be deducted.

Voted, that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting to be called on Fryday next — 3. O.Clock — in order to see whether they will choose Inspectors of the Market agreable to a Resolve of the General Court lately passed.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 22d. 1779. Present, Mess. Austin, Dorr, Austin.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Febv. 24, 1779. Present, Mess. Grenough, Dorr, Austin, Scollay, Price, Frazier.

Mr. Scollay has received of Mrs. Brookers Donation Viz.

Of George Minot - - - - -	£. 48	
Of Capt. Cartwright - - - -	7 – 4	
of Capt. Simkins, Mrs. Grants Interest -	8 – 2 –	
of John Fullerton - - - - -	14 – 8	
		£. 77.14
which is -		211 Dollars

And the same was distributed as follows — Viz.

By John Scollay — Vizt

	Dollars.	
To Mrs. Sarah Rogers - - - - - - -	5	
Mrs. Baker - - - - - - - -	3	
Mrs. Bennet - - - - - - - -	6	
Mrs. Muggaridge - - - - - - -	4	
Mrs. Yorke - - - - - - - -	4	
Mrs. Usher - - - - - - - -	5	
Mrs. Richards - - - - - - -	2	
	—	Dollars.
		29–

By Mr. Austin — Vizt

To Mrs. Oliver - - - - - - - -	5	
Mrs. Hinks - - - - - - - -	5	
Mrs. Chamberlain - - - - - - -	9	
Mrs. Harrison - - - - - - -	10	
	—	29
		48

	Dollars.
[209.] Bro't over - - - - - -	48

By Deacon Grenough — Vizt.

	Dollars.
To Mrs. Lee - - - - - - - -	10
Widow Wendell - - - - - - -	10
Widow Delaplace - - - - - - -	9
	—

By Mr. Dorr — Vizt.

	Dollars.	
To Mary Parkman - - - - - -	8	
Mary Hall - - - - - - -	8	
Hannah Collins - - - - - -	7	Dollars.
Allice Brown - - - - - -	6	
		29

By Mr. Frazier — Vizt.

To Mrs. Summers - - - - - -	5	
Widow Horner - - - - - -	8	
Widow Baker - - - - - -	8	
Widow Coppinger - - - - - -	6	
		27

By Deacon Preston — Vizt.

To Mrs. Allen — Widow - - - - -	10	
Widow Empson - - - - - -	9	
Widow Welch - - - - - -	10	
		29

By Mr. Williams — Viz.

To Moses Deshon - - - - - -	20	
To Mrs. Royal - - - - - - -	9	
		29

By Mr. Price — Vizt.

To Widow Low - - - - - -	10	
To Widow Murray - - - - - -	10	
To Widow Wendell South End - - - -	9	
		29

By Capt. Fellows — Vizt.

To Widow Trott - - - - - -	7	
Widow Pitcher - - - - - -	7	
Widow Welch - - - - - -	8	
Mr. Smith a Sickman - - - - -	7	
		29

Passed upon several Accounts — Vizt.
The Assessors see February 11′ - - £ 1035

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 1′. 1779. Present, Messrs. Dorr, Austin, Grenough, Williams, Frazier.

Mr. Wier the Constable directed to attend the Selectmen next Wednesday.

Voted, that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting March 5′.

[**210.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 2d. 1779. Present, Mess. Scollay, Austin, Williams, Dorr, Grenough, Preston.

Mrs. Farmer was directed to let Mrs. Kemplin have her Child from the Almshouse.

Liberty was given Mr. Thomas Ivers to open a drain from his House to the Mill Pond, he making good the Ground to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

The following Persons were chose Jurymen for a Maritime Court to be held 23d. March Inst. Viz.

Mess. Jeremiah Belknap, Edward Edes, Jone. Blanchard, Benjamin Cobb, Benje. Hammett, Edward Gray.

The Town Clerk is directed to issue a Warrant for calling the March Meeting Monday next being the 8'. Inst.

Mr. Scollay & Frazier a Committee to request the Revd. Mr. Clark to open the Town Meeting with Prayer.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 10. Present, Mess. Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Williams, Fellows.

The Town Clerk was directed to issue a Warrt. &c. to Notify the Adjournment of March Meeting.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 11' Present, Messrs. Williams, Fellows, Dorr, Austin, Price, Grenough.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 12, 1779. Present, Mess. Williams, Frazier ——— ——— ——— ———

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 17, 1779. Present, Messrs. Grenough, Dorr, Frazier, Fellows, Preston, Austin, Price, Scollay.

The Selectmen agreeable to a Vote of the Town havg. taken the affair of a School master for the North Lattin School under consideration, appointed Mr. William Bently Master of said School, he to enter upon that charge in one month from this day, or sooner if an Usher can be provided for the South Grammar School in the room of Mr. Bently the present Usher.

[211.] Mr. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse, was directed to deliver the things belonging Sarah Hartshorn a Person sent there on ye State Accot. being disordered in mind, to her Sister Rebecca Woodman who has now the care of her.

The following is an arangement of dutys which has been agreed upon by the Selectmen.

Wards — No. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. to be under the care and Inspection of Mr. Dorr, Mr. Williams & Mr. Grenough.

Ward No. 6. with all that concerns the Hospital at Rainsfords Island to be under the care of Mr. Scollay.

Ward No. 7. & 8. with all that concerns the Hospital at West Boston to be under the care of Mr. Austin & Mr. Frazier.

Wards, No. 9. 10. 11. 12. to be under the care of Capt. Fellows, Mrs. Preston, & Mr. Price.

All matters relative to the Poor either Strangers or those that are of other Towns in this State to be taken care of by the Selectmen that have the care of the Ward on which they are, either by sending them to the Alms house on the State Account, if Stran-

gers, or if otherwise to write to or send them to the Towns to which they belong, these with all other matters that may turn up with which the Selectmen are connected in their respective Wards, they are to make Report to the Board every Week.

Ordered, that Col°. Tuder who delivered an Oration the 5.' of March Ins^t. have five Yards of Broad Cloth, for a Suit of Clothes as has been the constant allowance on these occasions.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 24, 1779. Present, Mess. Austin, Price, Scollay.

[212.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 29, 1779. Present, Mess. Dorr, Williams, Grenough.

George Ridgway applys for his Premium for working first at the Fire with his Engine N. 6 — which broke out this Day at M^r. Bacons House in Temple Street.

Voted, that he have a draft — & — drawn for

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 31, 1779. Present, Mess. Williams, Frazier.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Ap^r. 10, 1779. Present, Mess. ——— ——— ——— ——— ——— ——— ———.

The following Persons were drawn Jurors for a Maritime Court — vizt. ——— ——— ——— ——— ——— ——— ———

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 2^d. 1779. Present, Messrs. Austin, Dorr, Grenough, Frazier, Price.

The following Persons were drawn Jurors for a Maritime Court — Viz — M^r. Edward Payne, William Lowder, John Matchet, John Tileston.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 8', 1779. Present, Messrs. Austin, Dorr, Preston, Price, Williams.

M^r. Hunnewell of Engine N°. 9 — applys for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing their Engine to work first at the Fire which lately broke out at M^r. Waters House — South End.

Voted, that he have a draft — drawn for —

M^r. Scollay, Austin & Price a Committee to view the Pump &^c. at M^r. Carters House, and Report the state thereof —

Voted, that a Letter be wrote Col°. Procter, desiring him to make a particular return to the Selectmen of the disposition of the 667 small Arms, received of the Board of War, for the use of such of the Militia of this Town as are not able to furnish themselves also of 11020 Cartridges placed in the hands of the several Captains of the Militia of this Town.

A Letter was wrote accordingly.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 14, 1779. Present, Messrs. Dorr, Preston, Frazier, Grenough, Fellows, Price.

Mr. Dorr was appointed at the last Meeting to apply to [213.] Mr. Thomas Green, for the Towns Lead to be cast into Bullets.

The Selectmen have agreed to act upon the List of Jurors Wednesday next Afternoon.

Mr. William Sutton of Engine No. 7. applies to the Selectmen for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing their Engine to work first at the Fire which lately broke out at Mr. Taylors House South End.

ordered & drawn for —

Voted, that Mr. Lambert have one twelve months Rent allowed him, for the North Battery Wharff, which was twelve pounds p. Annum, commencing the 4′ of August 1773; on Account of the Blockade of the Town; and that the Town Treasurer be furnished with a minute of the same —

Mr. Lambert was informed, that the Rent from this Day is to be at the rate of Forty Pounds p. Annum.

Ordered that a List of the several Officers of the Town chose at the last March Meeting be laid before the Selectmen to Morrow Afternoon at four O'Clock & that it be noted against each Persons name, who have been sworn — also —

That the Assessors be desired to attend to Morrow Afternoon in order to know of them, whether they or any of them refuse serving in that Office the present Year.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 15′ 1779. Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Fellows, Austin, Price.

Mr. Nazro directed to Notify the Overseers & Justices to attend at the Selectmens Chamber next Monday 3. OClock P.M. in order to agree upon a Visitation of the Town.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 19, 1779. Present, Mess. Preston, Grenough, Frazier.

The Overseers attended to agree upon a Visitation of the Town, when it was determined not to have one for the present there having been one last November.

[214.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 21, 1779. Present, Messrs. Austin, Dorr, Grenough, Williams, Preston, Price.

A Letter was wrote the Selectmen of Roxbury acquainting them that one Sarah Benjamin an Inhabitant of Roxbury is in this Town & so disordered in mind as to require her being taken care of, & praying that she might be removed by them to prevent the Expence she must occasion that Town.

Deacon Preston appointed at a late Meeting to get the Windows of Master Holbrooks School repaired.

Voted, that Capt. Joab Hunt procure a Hose for his Engine and that Mr. Dorr acquaint him therewith.

Mr. Thomas Foster received April 15, Inst. Six hundred & Fifty-five pounds of Powder of Colo. Crafts, belonging to this Town, being part of the Town Stock of Powder, as p. the Keeper of the Powder House — Receit on file.

(Entered on the memo. Book — May 1781 — *marginal note.*)

Acted upon the List of Jurors.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 26, 1779. Present, Mess. Austin, Dorr, Grenough, Williams, Price, Preston, Frazier.

Passed upon a number of Accompts, for which drafts were ordered.

Cato Negro Man, Servant to James M^c.Coble Esq. of George Town sent to the Hospital with the Small Pox, he come in the Hazard.

Mem^o. to insert in the May Warr^t. an article relative to Constitution — Money for Soldiers.

Deacon Preston & Capt. Fellows to view the Fence M^r. Wills is erecting in Frog Lane.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 28, 1779. Present, Mess. Austin, Dorr, Fellows, Grenough, Frazier, Preston.

M^r. Tileston informs that his Assistant in the North Writing School left him the 15.' of this Month.

M^r. Charles Shimmin attended as required, & informed that he had depended upon Jonathan Williams Esq. to make application for keeping a private School for teaching Writing &^c. at the House [**215.**] lately improved by M^r. Payne as a Writing School — the Selectmen having enquired into his Character, approve of him as a Schoolmaster, and permit his opening a School at said House as desired by him.

M^r. John Holland of Engine N. 5 — applys for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing their Engine to work first at the Fire which lately broke out at young M^r. Phillips House near the Old South Church.

Voted that he have a draft for the same —

drawn for —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 29, 1779. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Grenough, Frazier, Williams.

Received of Samuel Eliot Agent, for the the Sum of Fourteen Pounds 14/, being the expence which arose on carrying Henry Perry belonging to said Ship thro' the Small Pox at the Hospital at New Boston, where he was sent by the Selectmen — the Money was paid the Chairman M^r. Scollay.

Voted, that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting on 5' May Ins^t. 10. OClock A.M.

M^r. Grenough, & Frazier a Comm^e. to wait upon D^r. Chauncey with the desire of the Selectmen that he would open the Town Meeting with Prayer.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 30', 1779. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Grenough, Frazier, Dorr.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 5, 1779. Present, Messrs. Dorr, Price.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 12, 1779. Present, Messrs. Austin, Dorr, Williams, Grenough, Frazier, Price.

The following Persons were drawn Jurors for a Maritime Court to be held on the 18.' of May Ins^t. Viz^t.

Messrs. John Cutter, Elias Thomas Junr. Samuel Bass, Andrew Black, Richard Gridley, Thom^s. Hitchburne.

M^r. Paul Farmer was directed by two of the Selectmen, Viz. Deacon Preston & M^r. Price to receive into the Almshouse on the State charge one Tim^o. Barker a Negro who is lame & unable to support himself.

[**216.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 17, 1779. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Frazier, Williams, Price.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue a Warr^t. for a new Town Meeting to-Morrow, 3. OClock P.M.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 19, 1779. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Williams, Dorr, Price, Grenough, Austin, Frazier.

Voted, that M^r. Samuel Jepson Barber. have the Towns Shop near Concert Hall lately occupied by M^r. ——— Lawrence, at £. 3, p. Quarter to commence from the first of June next.

Upon application made by the Watchmen for an advance on their pay, on account of the high price of the necessaries of Life.

Voted, that the Constables of the Watch have thirteen Shillings & six pence p. Night & the Watchmen nine shillings p. Night.

Application made by the Council for the use of Faneuil Hall the next Election Day, and liberty was accordingly granted.

The Selectmen agreed with M^r. Roulston that the Rent of his House should commence the 18' of March 1776.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 21, 1779. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Austin ——— ——— ——— ———
———

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 24, 1779. Present, Mess. Frazier ——— ——— ——— ——— ———

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 31, 1779. Present, Mess^r. Scollay, Fellows, Dorr, Williams, Preston, Price.

Passed upon several Accounts.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 2^d. 1779. Present, Mess^r. Grenough, Dorr, Price, Scollay, Frazier, Fellows.

[**217.**] Application has been made to the Selectmen by M^r. Wendell for liberty to have the use of Faneuil Hall, for drawing the State Lottery.

Upon the Petition of a number of the Inhabitants that the North Clock at Christ Church might be repaired & kept in repair & the Bell rung as usual — M^r. Grenough, Dorr & Williams, appointed a Comm^e. to order the necessary Repairs; and to agree with some person to keep it in repair.

M^r. Wallace Clerk of Faneuil Hall Market, is appointed to the

care of the Stalls in the Market, and the following Orders given relative thereto.

Boston June 2d. 1779.

Mr. Lindsey G. Wallace

The Selectmen having appointed you to take care of the Stalls in Faneuil Hall Market as well as those without, and to see that the Butchers who hire them strictly comply with the Orders of the Town; our directions to you are that conformable to said Orders, you see that they do not let their Stalls to any one without the consent of the Selectmen, and that they bring and offer to Sale to its Inhabitants, all the Hides Skins and Tallow of all such Creatures as they shall kill while they hold the same, and bring to the Market for Sale, and that they constantly keep said Stalls clean, and do not pack any Meat in the Market, or suffer any to be left in it, at the shutting up of the Market; and if any one should decline complying with these directions, you must immediately Report the same to the Selectmen.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 9, 1779. Present, Mess. Dorr, Preston, Scollay, Price, Williams, Frazier.

John Champney of Engine N. 11. applys in behalf [218.] of himself and Company for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing their Engine to work first on the Fire which lately broke out at a House of Mr. Fayweathers Seven Starr Lane.

drawn see July 2d.

Deacon Grenough & Mr. Dorr Reports that they had agreed with Mr. Peck to repair the North Church Clock and to keep it in repair, according to a vote of the Town.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 16, 1779 Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Preston, Price, Frazier.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 20, 1779 Present Messrs: Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Williams, Frazier, Price.

Capt. James Nichols of the schooner Chance owned by Mess: Hutchinson from Martineque, attended & informed the Selectmen, that a Person on Board named Nathl. Griffin & belonging to Cape Ann had taken the Small Pox & being as they apprehended recovered & clear of the Distemper was put on board a Vessel at Sea Yesterday Morning.

The Vessel was ordered to depart immediately for Rainsford Island & Orders were given Mr. Hartley of the common tenor.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 22, 1779 Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Price, Frazier, Preston, Williams.

A number of Vessels with infectious Distempers having lately passed the Castle without being stopt, & some Cartel Vessels bieng soon expected — a Representation was made thereof to the Honbl. Council as P Copy on file.

Mr. Williams, Deacon Grenough & Mr. Dorr a Committee to enquire into the State and Circumstances of Winnesimit Ferry & Report to the Selectmen.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 23d. 1779 Present Messrs. Price, Dorr, Scollay, Williams, Frazier.

[219.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Select Men June 23, 1779. Present, Messrs: Scollay, Dorr, Preston, Williams, Frazier, Price.

The Clerks of the Market attended & were directed to attend their Duty in Weighing Bread & Examining the same agreable to the directions they shall receive in Writing for that purpose.

It was agreed by the Selectmen to attend the Visitation of the Schools on Wednesday the 7'. Day of July next.

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set as follows Vizt.

	lb.	oz.	gr.
A twelve Shilling white Loaf to weigh - - -	1	0	0
A three Shilling white Bisket - - d°. -	–	4	–
a twelve Shilling Loaf of brown Bread not more than half Indian - - - - - - - -	1	5	–

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 30th. 1779 Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Preston, Williams, Price.

Mr. Scollay reported that yesterday He was applyd to by Capt. Benja. Gorham Informing him that a Lad belonging to Him who came in Capt. Nichols from Martinique was taken Sick with the Small Pox, that on Adviseing with Mr. Price & Mr. Fraser He had Sent an Order to Mr. Hartly at Rainsfords Island to receive him into the Hospital accordingly he was Carried there by Capt. Gorham.

Voted, that the Town Clerk Quarterly exhibit for Allowance his Accot. of Writings & other Services done for the Town — And that the Accot. of Writings & Services done for the Committee of Correspondence be a saparate Accot. & Certified by them.

Wm. Coopers Esqrs. Accot. - - - allowed - - - - -	£1214 : –	
Thos. Greens Accot. - - - - - - Allowed - - - - -	36 :	13 :–
Richard Hunnewells - - - - - - Allowed - - - - -	12 :	18 :–
[220.] Matthew Wakefeilds Accot. allowed	18 :	8 :–
Samuel Wheeler - - - - - - - - - D°. - - D°. - - -	33 :—	
John Bennet for Candles - - - - - - - - D°. - - -	7 :—	
Joseph Edmunds - - D°. - - - - - - - - - D°. - - -	6 :	6 :–
Edwd. Ireland - - - - D°. - - - - - - - - - D°. - - -	6 :	6 :–
John Bennet - - - - D°. - - - - - - - - - D°. - - -	6 :—	

see below

The following Persons were drawn Jurors for the Maritime Court Vizt. Thomas Vernon, Solo. Davis, James Bowdoin Junr Benja. Waldo, Capt. Wm. Bell, John Baker Sugar Baker.

The following Persons were chosen as Grand Jurors for the next Court of Sessions

Freeman Pulsifer
William Fallass
William Fleet
Thomas Hichborn
Bartho. Kneeland
William Lowders

entred in Jury Books

The following Persons were chosen as Petit Jurors for the next Inferior Court

John Osborne
Demond Morton
Thomas Newells
Samuel Hichborn
George Tyler
James Cristrie

entred in Jury Books —

Jon^a. Williams Esqr. Acc^t. Allowed - - - - - - - - - - 15 : 16 : 8.

[221.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 2^d. 1779. Present Messrs: Scollay, Dorr, Williams, Preston, Fraser, Price, Greenough

M^r. Brown one of the Board of Assessors waited on the Selectmen & Informd them that the Book of Rates would be ready the beginning of the next week to deliver to the Collectors.

Voted that Fryday next at ten o Clock before noon be the time for a Town Meeting for the purpose of impowering the Committee of Correspondence & such other Persons as they may think proper to send with them to meet the convention at Concord on the 14th. July next for the purpose of Carrying into Effect the measures Congress have Recommended in their last Address. and that the Town Clerk cause Notifications to be seasonably sent out for that purpose.

to be added to the Notification — to Consider what is proper to be done as to Repairing the Ways at Winnesimet ferry — also what allowance shall be made the assessors for their last Services.

Agreed that the assize of Bread be as follows —

	lb.	oz.	
a twelve shilling White Loaf to weigh - - - - - - - - -	1.	4.	0
a three shilling White Bisket - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	0.	5.	0
a twelve shilling Loaf of Brown Bread not more than half Indian -	1.	10.	0

M^r. Dor & M^r. Williams to view & direct the Proprietors to make the necessary Repairs of Mill Bridge & Draw Bridge.

Allowed the Premium to John Champney & Co. of Engine N°. 11 — agreeable to his application the 9th June

drawn

Order on M^r. Farmer to Receive Boston a Negro man into the Almshouse at the Charge of the State.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 7. 1779. Present Mess. Scollay, Austin, Williams, Dorr, Preston, Frazier.

Ordered that a Warrant be issued for a Town Meeting July 9^. Fryday Morning 10 OClock.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 9, 1779 Present Mess: Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Williams, Frazier, Price.

Upon the Application of D^r. Isaac Foster D: Director [222.] General of Hospitals for liberty to bury Soldiers & Prisoners who

have died in the Continental Hospital in some of the public burying Grounds —

Voted, that liberty be accordingly granted for the burying such Persons in the New Burying Ground at the bottom of the Common.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 13, 1779. Present, Mess: Dorr, Grenough, Price, Frazier, Scollay, Austin, Williams.

Application made the Selectmen, for running a Fence from the South Burying Ground to prevent Carriages &c. from crossing the Common.

Voted, that the Selectmen, who have the inspection and care of that Quarter of the Town, be desired to carry up a Fence accordingly.

Passed upon Paul Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse his State Accounts amounting to £7367.. 13 – & £ 81″ 2″ 11½ as by Copies on file.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be as follows — Viz^t. —

	lb.	oz.
a twelve Shilling White Loaf to weigh - - -	1 –	8 –
a two Shilling white Biscuit — d^o. - - - -	–	4 –
a twelve Shilling Loaf of Brown Bread not more than half Indian	1 "	14 –

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 14. 1779 Present Mess: Scollay, Dorr, Frazier, Price, Grenough, Austin.

The Butchers have liberty to put their Stalls into the Market at Nights, upon the application of the Clerk of the Market.

Application having been made the Selectmen by Capt. Curtis of Engine N. 8 — that a House may be provided for the Engine to be kept in — Deacon Preston, Capt. Fellows & M^r. Price were desired to take order respecting the same.

Voted, that the Clerk be directed to send Letters to the Proprietors of the Mills in Boston to meet the Selectmen next Wednesday, relative to giving the necessary Repairs [**223.**] to the two Bridges which are so out of repair, as to endanger Carriages &c. that pass over them.

The Committee appointed to confer with the Proprietors of the Mills relative to repairing the Mill & Draw Bridge, report as follows — Viz^t. —

That they have seen M^r. Payne one of the Proprietors who gave for answer that the profits arising from the Mills were so small, that at present they could not repair the Bridges. The Committee further Report that having conversed with the Rev^d. M^r. Robins another of the Proprietors, he returned for answer, that he was always ready to do his part, and was content that the Bridges should be presented, but that he did not know whether the Town was not obliged to rebuild, or assist in rebuilding them; and that he supposed some old Records would determine that point or to that effect.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 15. 1779 Present Mess: Scollay, Austin, Williams, Frazier, Price.

The several Bakers attended, and objected to the last Assize, as the Flour they baked cost them more than it was set at — whereupon the Selectmen consented to suspend the operation of the last Assize for the present & that the preceeding Assize should regulate the Clerks of the Market.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 17. 1779 Present Messrs: Dor, Scollay, Austin, Williams, Frazier, Price.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be as follows Viz^{t}. —

	lb.	oz.
a twelve Shilling white Loaf to weigh - - -	1 . .	6 –
a three Shilling white Bisket d^{o}. - - - -	–	5½ –
a twelve Shilling Loaf of Brown Bread - - -	1 –	12 –

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 21. 1779 Present Messrs: Preston, Williams, Austin, Dorr, Grenough, Frazier, Price.

Elisha Byles informs that he has taken Benj^{a}. Bagnal late an Inhabitant of Boston to Board, & has let a Chamber to M^{rs}. Susannah Wells; late from Waltham, formerly of Boston.

[224.] M^{r}. Shaw a Collector of Taxes desired to attend Monday next Afternoon at the Selectmens Chamber.

Selectmen Agreed to act upon the List of Licensed Persons returned by the Court of Sessions, on Monday next —

Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for Town Meeting Monday next 9 OClock Forenoon —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 25. 1779 Present Mess: Scollay, Austin ———

Information given that Capt. Godfrey in a Cartel Brig^{t}. from New York with our Prisoners, was brought to at the Castle there being one dead on board & others sick with an infectious Distemper, — Capt. Godfrey was ordered down to Rainsfords Island & Orders given M^{r}. Hartley Keeper of the Hospital for his proceedure on the occasion — and application was made to the President of the Council & Commissary General for the necessary Supplies, part of which was sent down by Capt. Warner of the Castle, who came up with the information —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 26. 1779. Present Scollay, Dorr, Fellows, Preston, Frazier.

The Town Clerk directed to issue a Notification of the Adjournment of the Town Meeting to Wednesday next agreable to a Vote of the Town.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 26. 1779 P.M. Present Messrs. Scollay, Fellows, Grenough, Dorr. Frazier, Preston, Price.

The Leases for the Fishermans Boxes, being now up those Per-

sons who had erected them on the Towns Land on Dock Square, were directed to take off said Boxes.

Mr. Price appointed to adjust & Sette Mr. Justice Greanleafs Account.

Orders given Mr. George L. Wallace Clerk of Fanuiel Hall Market as by Copy on file.

[225.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 28. 1779 Present, Messrs. Williams, Frazier, Dorr.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 2d. 1779. Present Messs: Scollay, Dorr, Frazier, Price.

The following Persons were drawn Jurors for a Maritime Court — vizt. — Messrs. John Cobourn — William Phillips Junr. Joseph Laughton, John Andrews, Henry Bass — Benjamin Clark.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 4'. 1779 Present Mess: Dorr, Frazier, Scollay, Preston, Fellows & Price.

Mr. Joab Hunt Master of Engine No. 2 proposes Mr. James Freeland as one of the Company of said Engine in the room of Theodore Cross deced — he was accordingly Approved of —

The Selectmen approve of Colo. Edward Procter & Mr. Samuel Parkman as Suretys for Francis Shaw Esqr. Collector of Taxes for the present Year.

The Fishermen who occupy the Fish Stalls at the West End of the Town Dock being desired to Attend that they might know the reason of the Stalls not being removed agreeable to their directions, the Fishermen accordingly Attended & offering no reason for their Refusal, they were directed to remove their Stalls by next Saturday.

The Town Clerk is directed to issue Notifications of the Town Meeting Adjournment on Monday next 3. O'Clock P.M: agreable to a Vote of the Town and to request the Constables to disperse them.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be as follows Vizt.

	lb.	oz.
a twelve Shilling white Loaf to weigh - - -	1	8
a two Shilling white Bisket - - - do. -	"	4
a twelve Shilling Loaf brown Bread not more than ½ Indian - - - - - - - - -	2	—

Mr. Frazier appointed to order a Hose to be made for Engine No. 6.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 6, 1779. Present Mess: Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Frazier.

[226.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 9, 1779 Present Mess: Scollay, Dorr, Austin, Frazier.

The Town Clerk was directed to issue a Warrt. for calling a Meeting of the Inhabitants who are free & 21 Years of Age on the 12 Inst. 10 O'Clock for the purpose of choosing Delegates to

Represent the Town in a Convention to be held at Cambridge for the purpose of forming a new Constitution.

Mr. Gill to have the printing of the Notifications for the Meeting.

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed by two of the Selectmen vizt. Mr. Dorr & Mr. Williams to receive one Nicholas Benson into the Almshouse to be supported by the State, he bieng a Stranger & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this State & without the means of support. Order dated the 7 Ins^t. & signed by John White Overseer.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 11, 1779 Present Mess: Dorr, Frazier, Scollay, Austin, Preston, Fellows, Price, Williams, Grenough.

Mr. Nazro directed to order the attendance of the Haywards next Wednesday.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 17, 1779. Present Mess: Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Frazier, Price ——

A recommendation was given Mr. Robert Hews to the good Farmers of the Country to be by them supplied with live Stock, agreable to a Vote of this Town as by Copy on file.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 18, 1779 Present Messrs: Dorr, Price, Austin, Frazier, Grenough, Preston.

Mr. Shubael Hews was permitted to improve the Stall in Faneuil Hall Market lately hired by Parker, bieng Numbers 4– & 8.

The Haywards attended, and assured the Selectmen that they had & should do their duty.

[227.] Mr. John Adams applies for liberty to sell Salt Provisions & Butter to the Inhabitants, in Faneuil Hall Market at the regulated price.

Mr. John Jones Sexton of Trinity Church applys to the Selectmen, for liberty to break Ground in the Burial places in the South part of the Town.

Voted, that Liberty be granted accordingly, provid^d. the said Jones conforms to the regulations that have or may be made respecting the Burying Grounds.

The following Persons were chose Jurors for a Maritime Court to be held in this Town next Tuesday Viz — Mess^s. Nathan Spear, Elias Thomas Jr. William Cunningham, Bossinger Foster, William Miller & Samuel Clap.

An Order drawn on Paul Farmer to receive into the Alms House Margaret Holland a Stranger, the Order signed by Mr. Scollay, & Mr. Austin.

An Order drawn on Paul Farmer to receive into the Alms House Mary Sinclear a Stranger, the order signed by Mr. Austin & Dea. Preston.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 25, 1779 Present Messrs: Dorr, Scollay, Austin, Grenough, Preston, Frazier, Price.

Mr. Ebenezer Cox proposed as a Watchman for the North Watch, in the room of Ralph Morgan.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 30, 1779 Present Messrs: Scollay, Austin. Dorr, Williams, Frazier.

It is agreed, that Mr. Joseph Oliver lay down at his own charge good & sufficient Ways at Winnesimmit Ferry as good at least as the Ways at Charlestown Ferry, to be Judged of by proper Workmen, & to keep them in good repair & leave them at the expiration of twelve Years in like repair; for this he is to have the improvement of the Ferry for that term of time with paying only a Shilling p Year as Rent & at the expiration of the term to deliver up the Ways to the Selectmen without requiring anything for them.

[228.] Mr. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the State charge one Margaret Adams a Stranger — signed by Mr. Scollay & Mr. Austin.

Passed upon a number of Accounts.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the SelectMen Sept. 2, 1779 Present Dor, Grenough, Preston, Frazer, Price.

Liberty Granted to Edward How to open the Drain near his house in Cow Lane.

Agreed that there be a Town Meeting on Friday next at ten o Clock forenoon agreeable to a request of a Number of the Inhabitants this day presented to the SelectMen.

Six Jurors drawn for the Superior Court now Sitting

Edward Sohier
Samuel Pitts
James Thwing
Samuel Eliot jun^r.
Benj^a. Cobb
Nath Byfield Lyde

Voted, that the Constables of the Town be directed to warn the Inhabitants, without a printed Notification, of the Town Meeting ordered as above.

A Letter was wrote Mr. Payne requiring him immediate to repair the Mill & Draw Bridges which are in a ruinous state and dangerous to the Inhabitants.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septem^r. 10, 1779. Present Scollay, Price, Grenough, Frazier, Dorr, Preston.

Voted, that a Town Meeting be called next Tuesday being the 14^t. Ins^t. for the choice of a Representative &^c. and that the Inhabitants be warned by a printed Notification.

Isaac Bird appointed a measurer of Wood by Land & Coal Baskets — the Purchasers to pay for measuring 2/ by Load.

[229.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 13^t. 1779. Present Mess^s: Scollay, Fellows, Grenough, Frazier, Price, Dorr.

Mr. Ballard attended, and the Selectmen agreed to allow him

for the use of his Slaughter house a reasonable sum provided Creatures are killed in it, for the benefit of the Inhabitants.

Agreed with Capt. Conner to improve a Building belonging to him as a Slaughter house, & to allow him a reasonable rent therefor.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 18, 1779 Present Mess^{s}: Scollay, Dorr, Grenough, Frazier, Price.

Agreed to visit Rainsfords Island on Wednesday next to sett off from Wheelwrights Wharff 8. O Clock Morning.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 27, 1779. Present Mess: Dorr.

A number of Accounts were presented.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sep^{t}. 29, 1779 A.M. Present Mess^{s}. Scollay, Dorr, Price, Frazier.

A Letter was wrote to the Committee of the Town of Weymouth by Order of the Town.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septem^{r}. 29, 1779 P.M. Present Messrs: Scollay, Frazier, Dorr, Price, Grenough, Williams.

M^{r}. Hartley & Wife attended, and after hearing what they had to offer against the charge brought before the Selectmen of their having neglected their duty with respect to the care of the Hospital, and also as to M^{r}. Hartleys bad behavior —

Voted, that it is the sense of the Selectmen that he is unfit for the care of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island, and therefore that he be dismissed from that service.

Voted, that M^{rs}. Hartley be permitted to continue at the Hospital House for the present.

Mem^{o}. there is in the upper loft of Faneuil Hall of the Towns Sto·k. 13 Boxes containing 1300 lb. of Lead Balls & 2 Boxes with 200 lb. of Buck Shot.

(Entered in the Mem^{o} Book Oct^{o} 11th 1782. *Marginal note.*)

[230.] The following Persons were chose Jurors for a Maritime Court. Viz^{t}. Mess: Josiah Waters — William Foster, William Shattuck, Grant Webster, Nathaniel Pierce, Hopestill Foster.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 1, 1779. Present Messrs: Dorr, Price.

Agreed upon a return to be made on the Precept for choice of a Representative in the room of M^{r}. Samuel Adams.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 2^{d}, 1779 Present Messrs: Dorr, Scollay, Grenough.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 4, 1779 Present Messrs. Fellows, Williams, Dorr, Grenough, Preston, Price.

M^{r}. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse a

poor Infant Child of one Abigail Burk a Stranger — at the charge of the State — Order signed by Gustavus Fellows & Jon^{n}. Williams.

Voted, that M^{r}. Peirce have the care & management of the Towns proportion of the Produce of the Lands at New Boston — also

that he let the Keeper of the Almshouse have for the Overseers of the Poor, for the use of the Almshouse, 150 bushels Potatoes at 4½ Dollars p bush: and that he sell the remainder of the Potatoes to the Inhabitants at the same rate, & the other part of the produce at a reasonable rate & pay the whole of the Moneys arising thereon to the Town Treasurer.

Capt. Prince is desired to take care of the Post & Rails of said Land.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 6, 1779 Present Mess^{s}. Scollay, Dorr, Preston, Price.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 13, 1779 Present Messrs. Frazier, Dorr, Scollay, Austin, Preston, Williams.

M^{r}. Joseph Stevens of Braintree applies to the Selectmen for the care of Rainsfords Island — Capt. Kerkwood applied to the Selectmen thro: M^{r}. Austin, that he might have the Hospital.

[231.] Passed upon several Town Accounts.

M^{r}. Dorr & Frazier a Comm^{ee}. to make enqury of Capt. Hatch with respect to the advancements made to the Continental Soldiers sent by this Town.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 15, 1779 Present Messrs: Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Frazier.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue a Warr^{t}. for a Town Meeting Tuesday next, 10 OClock Forenoon.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 21, 1779 Present Messrs: Scollay, Austin, Dorr, Frazier. Price.

Barth^{o}. Trow applies for the hire of the Watch-House at West Boston End, which has not been approved for some time past.

Voted, that he have the use of said House at forty Shillings p. Month, to leave the same immediately upon the requirement of the Selectmen.

M^{r}. Thomas Bayley appointed by the Selectmen a Measurer of Wood & Bark brought into this Town by Land, agreable to a late Act of this State and two Shillings p. Load is allowed for all Wood so measured.

Orders were given as by Copy on file.

see below

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 21, 1779 Present Messrs: Scollay, Austin, Grenough, Frazier. Price.

It was agreed by the Selectmen that the allowance to M^{r}. Bayley for measuring Wood &^{c}. be three Shillings p Load and the Town Clerk is to give a Certificate accordingly.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 25, 1779. Present Mess^{s}. Dorr, Price.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novem^{r}. 1, 1779. Present Messrs: Dorr, Grenough, Austin, Scollay, Price.

D^{r}. Welch informs that one Boston a Negro Servant to has the Small Pox at Daniel Holsey a free Negro — Voted, that he be removed to the Hospital at New Boston.

[232.] M^{r}. Frazier appointed to see the Drain at New Boston put in proper repair —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 3, 1779. Present Messrs: Austin, Frazier, Grenough, Williams, Scollay.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for calling a Town Meeting Wednesday next, 9 OClock Forenoon —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 10, 1779 Present Messrs. Scollay, Fellows, Dorr, Preston, Frazier, Price.

Capt. Robinson of Engine N. 3 — applies for the Premium for bringing their Engines to work first on the fires which lately broke out at M^{r}. Bouchons store Black Horse Lane & Capt. Dobles House back of the Church —

drawn for —

Voted that he have the Premium allowed by the Town.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 16, 1779 Present Messrs: Scollay, Grenough, Dorr, Fellows. Price, Frazier.

The Selectmen were informed by M^{r}. Abiah Holbrook Usher of the South Writing School in a Letter on file dated Novem^{r}. 1, 1779, that he had quitted the service of the Town for other business —

M^{r}. Nazro directed to require the attendance of the Fishermen on Wednesday —

Complaint entred with the Selectmen, that Persons from the Hospital have been buried in an insufficient way at the South burying Ground —whereupon

M^{r}. Nazro was directed to desire D^{r}. Warren the Physician who has the care of the Hospital, to attend at the Selectmens Chamber on Wednesday next —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 17, 1779 — Present Messrs: Dorr, Grenough, Frazier, Williams.

Gave an Order to Col^{o}. Hatch drawn in his favor on Treasurer Jeffries for two hun^{d}. & seventy pounds being the balance of Col^{o}. Hatchs' Account of Milage.

[233.] M^{r}. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the State charge M^{r}. Robert Garland Cranch a distracted Person, who is a Stranger & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this State, neither has he wherewithall to support himself — Order signed by M^{r}. Dorr & M^{r}. Frazier —

Capt. Laha applies for the care of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 22^{d}. 1779 Present Messrs: Scollay, Dorr, Grenough, Fellows, Frazier, Williams, Preston.

Capt. Robinson of Engine N. 3. applies for the Premium for bringing said Engine to work first on the fire, which lately broke out at M^{r}. Tilestons House North End — drawn for.

Voted, that he have the Premium allowed by the Town, being £3 —

drawn for —

The Selectmen have agreed with the following Persons to place Boxes on the West part of the Dock for the keeping of Fish for Sale — Viz^{t} —

Messrs. John Tilley each Box	- 1 Boxes —	@ 4	Dollars p. Month
Jacob Parsons	1 d^{o}.		
Timothy Peace -	- 1 d^{o}.	4	Dollars p. M^{o}.
John Johonot -	- 1 d^{o}.	4	d^{o}. p. d^{o}.
John Jenkins -	- 1 d^{o}.	4	p d^{o}.
Joseph Hemmingway	1 d^{o}.	4	p. d^{o}.

It also Agreed, that the Fishermen who hired Boxes the last Year, shall lay down the Platform which they removed contrary to Agreement, the next Spring; the present season not permitting it —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novem^{r}. 24, 1779 Present Messrs: Scollay, Dorr, Price, Grenough, Williams.

The Agreement made with M^{r}. Barth^{o}. Trow for the hire of the Watch House at New Boston, is set aside the Selectmen not having a right to improve the same for any other purpose than that of a Watch-house —

The Town Clerk is directed to give Certificates to each of the Collectors of Taxes that they have qualified themselves to receive the Tax Books —

[**234.**] Agreeable to General Hancocks request he is permitted to have the use of four of the Town Lamps upon the condition proposed in his Billet of this Day on file —

(Entered in the Mem^{o} Book May 17–81. *Marginal note.*)

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 26, 1779 Present. Messrs: Scollay, Dorr, Grenough, Frazier, Price.

Certificates were given in to the Committee of the General Court that the bounty of Thirty pounds was paid to the Men raised for Rhode Island pursuant to a Resolve of Court passed June 8, 1779 and of the number of Men raised for the Continental Army for nine months for which a bounty was to be allowed the Town of £120 — for each Man —

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 29, 1779 Present Messrs: Dorr, Grenough, Scollay, Price, Preston, Frazier.

The Town Clerk is directed to allow the Watchmen double their present allowance bieng 40. 10/ for the Constable and £27 — p

Month for the Watchmen — on account of the rise of the Necessaries of Life.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^r. 1, 1779 Present Mess: Scollay, Dorr, Grenough, Preston, Frazier, Price.

Capt. Obediah Curtis of Engine N. 8 applies for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing their Engine to work first at the Fire which lately broke out at the Widow Sears House South End — drawn for in Novem^r. draft.

Capt. Richard Hannewell of Engine N. 9. for the Premium at a Fire at M^r. Hincklys Shop South end. drawn for in Novem^r. draft

Capt. Joab Hunt of Engine N. 2. for the premium at the late Fire at a House of D^r. Mathers North end — drawn for in Novr. draft

Voted, that the foregoing Premium be drawn for in the November draft.

The following Persons were drawn Jurors for a Maritime Court to be held the 7 Inst^t. — Viz^t —

Messrs: Josiah Waters
Alexander Edwards
Barth^o. Kneeland
Benjamin Waldo
William Brick
Joseph Kettle

[235.] M^r. Scollay appointed by the Selectmen to settle any Accounts with M^r. Hartley relative to Hospital at Rainsfords Island —

Capt. Saml. Laha, appointed at a late Meeting to the care of the State Hospital at Rainsfords Island.

The Town Clerk is directed to draw for M^r. Matthew Nazro. from this time at the rate of £117″ 10/ p Quarter — on account of the present rise of the necessaries of Life.

The Town Clerk is directed to draw for M^r. Pierce on account of the rise of provis, at the rate of £50 – p Quarter from this time

William Baker appointed Constable of the Watch at the South End and the Town Clerk is directed to give him Orders accordingly.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Dece^r. 7, 1779 Present Messrs: Scollay, Dorr, Preston, Frazier, Fellows.

Information given that several Persons at New Boston were broke out with the Small Pox — Orders vere given M^r. Nazro to remove them to the Hospital at that part of the Town — four Persons namely John Webber, Mary Jeffries, Hannah Porter & a Child of Mary Cades.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Dece^r. 8, 1779 Present Mess^s. Scollay, Dorr, Frazier, Williams.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^r. 15, 1779 Present Mess^s: Preston, Williams.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decr. 22^{d}. 1779 Present Mess: Scollay, Dorr, Fellows, Preston, Frazier.

M^{r}. Farmer to be desired to attend with his Books at the Selectmens Chamber next Wednesday in order to examine D^{r}. Stedmans State Accounts.

[**236.**] Capt. Hunnewell of Engine N. 9. applies for the Premium allowed for playing first with his Engine on the Fire which lately broke out at Maj^{r}. Cunninghams House South End.

drawn for

Voted. that he have a draft for the same.

M^{r}. Scollay received of Treasurer Jeffries & State Treasurer Fifty-three Pounds 6/ 6^{d}. Interest money on Brookers Donation, to be distributed among poor Widows &^{c}.

Of which he took . . . . £5. 6. 6 – & distributed as follows Viz^{t}. —

To M^{rs}. Baker - - - - - -	£1 . . 4 –		
M^{rs}. Usher - - - - - -	1 . . 4 –		
M^{rs}. Richards - - - - - -	1 . . 4 –		
M^{rs}. Bennet - - - - - -	1 . . 16 –		
		£. 5 . . 8	
M^{r}. Dorr received — £6 — & gave			
To Widow Parkman - - - -	£3 . 3 –		
Hannah Whittle - - - -	2 . 12 –		
	8 –		
			£6 –
Deacon Preston received & distributed £6 —	–		
To Widow Allen - - - -	£ 3		
Widow Welch - - - -	3		
			6 –
M^{r}. Frazier received . . . . £6 & gave			
To Widow Deshon - - -	£3 –		
To M^{r}. Morefield - - - -	3 –		
			6 –
Capt. Fellows received — £6 & gave			
To the Widow Scott - - - - - - - -			6 –
M^{r}. Austin rec^{d}. — £6 & gave			
To M^{rs}. Oliver - - - - -	£3 –		
M^{rs}. Chamberlain - - -	3 –		
			6 –
M^{r}. Williams rec^{d}. — — — £6 – who gave			
to Widow Wakefield - - - - - - -			6 –
M^{r}. Price rec^{d}. — — — — £6 – who gave to			
Widow Low - - - - -	£3 –		
Widow Wendell of S^{o}. part of y^{e}. Town	3 –		
			6 –

Deacon Grenough rec^{d}. — £6 who gave to

Widow Wakefield - - - -	£3	
Widow Lee - - - - - -	3	
		£6
		£53 . . 8 –

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 27. 1779 Present Messrs: Scollay, Dorr, Williams, Preston, Grenough, Frazier.

[237.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Dece^{r}. 27. 1779 Present Mess: Preston, Dorr, Frazier, Grenough, Scollay, —

Passed upon Accounts —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 28. 1779 Present Messrs: Scollay, Dorr, Preston, Williams, Grenough.

Matthew James admitted a Watchman in the North Watch, in the room of Ebenezer Cox —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 29. 1779 Present Mess: Dorr, Preston, Scollay, Williams

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 5. 1780 — Present Mess: Fellows, Dorr, Grenough, Preston, Williams, Frazier.

Passed upon D^{r}. N. W. Appletons Account of Supplies for the State Hospital at West Boston amounting to Five hundred & thirty three pounds 7/ and gave a Certificate of the same —

Passed upon D^{r}. John Stedmans State Account amounting to £1802 . . 16/ beginning May 6. 1779 continued to November 6. following —

Gave M^{r}. Geyer a Certificate of the good behavior of 28 Germans a List of which is on file — & another to Col^{o}. Hitchburne relative to Jno Lear.

M^{r}. Hambleton is directed to make the most of the Town's Bull, represented by him as insufficient for the service of the Town, and to account with the Selectmen for the neet proceeds thereof —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 12. 1780 Present Mess: Dorr, Williams, Grenough, Preston, Scollay, Frazier, Price.

Passed upon Paul Farmers two Accounts amounting to £11993 : 9 – 1 . & £119 – 11 – 8 . as p Copies on file —

Paul Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse was directed [238.] to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the charge of this State one Isabella Daws a stranger in very Suffering Circumstances, Order signed by M^{r}. Scollay & M^{r}. Preston Selectmen — & Samuel Whitwell an Overseer —

Also one McIntosh not an Inhabitant of this Town, who is in suffering circumstances — Order signed by Mr. Scollay & Mr. Preston, Selectmen & by Mr. Whitwell an Overseer —

Capt. Elias Robinson of Engine N. 3. applies to the Selectmen for the premium allowed by the Town for bringing their Engine to work first at the Fire which lately broke out at Colo. Hancocks Wharff in a Store — drawn for

Voted, that he have a draught for the same —

It is Agreed by the Selectmen that the Towns Rents shall be as follows from 6. January Inst.

Mr. Boyces Store - - - - - - - -	£450
James Cazneaus Store - - - - - - -	341. 6.8–
Samuel Brecks Store - - - - - - -	1183. 6.8–
Samuel Jepsons Shop - - - - - - -	80. – –
Elisha Adlingtons do. - - - - - - -	66.13.4–
Spencer Walker - - - - - - - -	66.13.4–
Thomas Moulins House - - - - - - -	160. – –
George Roulston do. - - - - - - -	160. – –
Capt. Simkins - - - - - Store	£— 666–13-4
Deer Island - - - - from 25 March 1780	—1000— —
Hay Market say Engine Land on West side the Neck & on the East side	———200———
Stalls in Faneuil Hall Market 25 for one see Filey. 10.	
North Battery Wharff, from the 14 of April next - -	240
Land at So. End formerly improved by Mc.Fadden - -	
Stands in the Market Square 9/ p day , - - -	see Feby.
The Oyster Vessels to pay in the same proportion	

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 19. 1780 Present Messrs: Scollay, Austin, Preston, Dorr, Frazier, Price, Grenough.

Mr. Smith approved of by the Selectmen as an Usher to the South Grammar School—

It is Agreed that Deacon Simkins shall pay as Rent for Hubbards Store occupied by him at the rate of £200 — p Annum ending the 6th. Inst. at which time the new rent mentioned [239.] above, viz. — £ 666.13.4. p Annum commences —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 26. 1780 Present Messrs. Fellows, Dorr, Williams, Preston, Grenough, Frazier, Price.

Ordered, that a Town Meeting be called on Tuesday next 10. O Clock Forenoon, in order to consider what Moneys are necessary to be raised to defrey the necessary charges & Expences of the Town —

Agreed that the Old South Bell be rung at 1 O Clock & nine O Clock and that the Old Brick Building Bell cease —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 31st. 1780 Present Messrs. Dorr, Scollay, Fellows, Williams, Price.

Passed upon Accounts —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 1. 1780. Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr. Williams, Frazier, Grenough, Price

Ordered that a Warrant be issued for calling a new Town Meeting on Thursday next 3 O Clock for the purposes mentioned in the late Warrant, & that the Constables Warn the Inhabitants without printed Notifications —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 2^{d}. 1780 — Present Messrs: Dorr, Preston, Grenough, Frazier, Price, Scollay.

It is Agreed with the Bell Ringers that they are to receive £36 — p Annum for ringing three Bells the Year makes £108 —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 4. 1780 — Present Messrs: Frazier, Dorr, Grenough, Price, Preston.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 10. 1780 — Present Messrs: Frazier, Dorr, Williams, Grenough, Price, Scollay, Frazier.

[**240.**] D^{r}. Appleton who attends the Hospital at West Boston as Physician to the Sick attended, & Reports that the Hospital is now clear of the Small Pox —

M^{r}. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the charge of this State one Catharine Croswell, a Stranger & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this State, who is inferm & has not wherewithall to support herself — Order signed by two of the Selectmen vizt. M^{r}. Scollay & M^{r}. Williams. —

M^{r}. Uran of Engine N — 4 — applies for the Premium allowed by the Town to his Company for bringing their Engine to work first upon the Fire which lately broke out at the Goal drawn for

Voted that he have a draft for £3 — bieng the Premium allowed by the Town; next Draft Day

It is ordered by the Selectmen, that the Rent of the Stalls in Faneuil Hall Market be as follows from the 3^{d}. of Feb^{y}. — Viz^{t}. —

N. 1 - - - - -	£ 8 - - -	p m^{o}.
2 - - - - -	7 - - -	p d^{o}.
3 - - - - -	8 - - -	p d^{o}.
4 - - - - -	8 - - -	p d^{o}.
5 - - - - -	8 - - -	p d^{o}.
6 - - - - -	8 - - -	p d^{o}.
7 - - - - -	12 " 10	p d^{o}.
8 - - - - -	12 " 10	p m^{o}.
9 - - - - -	12 " 10	p d^{o}.
10 - - - - -	12 - - -	p d^{o}.
11 - - - - -	12 " 10	p d^{o}.
12 - - - - -	12 " 10	p d^{o}.
13 - - - - -	12 - - -	p d^{o}.
14 - - - - -	12 " 10	p d^{o}.
15 - - - - -	12 " 10	p d^{o}.
16 - - - - -	12 " 10	p d^{o}.
17 - - - - -	8 - - -	p d^{o}.
18 - - - - -	8 - - -	p d^{o}.

19 - - - - -	£ 8 - - -	p	d°.
20 - - - - -	8 - - -	p	d°.
21 - - - - -	7 - - -	p	d°.
22 - - - - -	8 - - -	p	d°.

[241.] Mr. Dorr appointed a Committee to make enquiry of the Board of War, relative to the Towns proportion of Steel, granted by the General Court to the several Towns in this State —

Mr. Richard Green appointed Constable of the Town Watch, at West Boston which is to consist of five Men including the Constable ——— Mr. Chairman & Mr. Frazier a Committee to fill up said Watch —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 11. 1780 — Present Messrs: Scollay, Dorr, Frazier, Williams, Grenough.

Had a conference with the Committee who were appointed by the Town for procuring Clothing for the Armys and with Mr. Kellock the Agent

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 12, 1780 — Present Messrs: Scollay, Dorr, Grenough, Frazier, Williams.

Mr. Scollay & Williams appointed to confer with some Members of Council relative to Clothing —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 16. 1780. Present Messrs: Dorr, Preston, Price, Frazier, Scollay, Williams.

A Certificate was signed by the Chairman of the Selectmen that Cuffee Townsend, was the sole property of Isaac Townsend —

The Committee appointed to enquire of the Board of War relative to the Towns proportion of Steel Report — Vizt. That there is 1012 — of French Steel, belonging to this Town — that the original price was 6/ p lb. but, that they will not sell it now at that rate — that they cannot at present determine the price as they cannot make a Board —

Mr. Dorr appointed to settle with Mr. Newman relative to ringing the North Church Bell — & taking care of the Clock.

Mr. Isaac Pierce has delivered by Order of the Selectmen four hundred & seven pair of Shoes and four hundred & seven pair of Hose, unto Mr. Lemuel Kolbeck, agt. for Suffolk as the Towns proportion of the Quota ordered by the Genl. Court as p Receit on file —

[242.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 19, 1780 — Present Messrs: Scollay, Dorr, Grenough, Frazier, Price.

An Order on Town Treasurer was drawn by Order of the Selectmen in favor of John Rowe Esqr. for £3313.4 bieng in full 407 pr Stockings purchased as the Towns proportion, for supply of the Continental Army —

A Memorial was drawn up and passed to be sent the Council of this State, relative to the foregoing Supplies &c —

An Order was also given Gabriel Johonnot on the Town Treasury for £3433. 10/ being in full for 327 pair Mens Shoes at 210 / p pr.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 23. 1780 Present Messrs: Dorr, Greenough, Frazier, Preston, Price.

M^r. Isaac Pierce appointed to the care of the Bills & Summery & any loose Articles left at the South School House by the late Fire —

M^r. Samuel Holbrook Master of the South Writing School lately consumed by Fire, was desired to attend and being enquired of respecting the probable course of the Fire, he was not able to give it, — but informed the Selectmen that there been but little Fire that afternoon, and that he left the School the last of any one, and his Son had looked thro. the Windows about 9. OClock, having smelt fire.

Application was made to the Selectmen by several of the Inhabitants that a Master might be provided for the North Grammar School in the room of M^r. Bentley who leaves the School next Satturday —

M^r. Frazier & M^r. Dorr, a Committee to apply to the Overseers of the Poor, for the use of the Workhouse Hall for M^r. Holbrooks Scholars —

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 23. 1780 — Present Messrs: Dorr, Preston, Williams, Grenough, Frazier, Price, Scollay.

[243.] M^r. Vandiel — M^r. Thaxter of Hingham & M^r. Smith Usher of the South Grammar School — apply to the Selectmen for the appointment of Master to the North Grammar School in the room of M^r. Bentley, who has left it — M^r. Croswell to be either Master of the North or Usher of the South —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 29. 1780 — Present Messrs: Scollay, Williams, Grenough, Dorr, Preston, Frazier, Price.

The Selectmen with the Justices & Overseers met and agreed upon a Visitation of the Town to be had Wednesday the 1st. of March next —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 1. 1780 — Present Messrs: Scollay, Dorr, Grenough, Frazier, Preston, Price.

M^r. Nazro to be directed to require the attendance of those Persons who have taken Stuff from the late Fire, to be at the Selectmens Chamber next Wednesday; *them* only to attend who refuse to deliver up what they have taken.

M^r. Sutton is also to be desired to attend next Wednesday —

M^r. Holbrook Master of the South Writing School has sent a Letter of resignation as Master on account of his health —

Voted, that a Warrant be issued for a Town Meeting next Wednesday.

M^r. Coopers Acco^t. to be considered next Wednesday.

Voted, that M^r. Edes have the printing of the Notifications —

M^r. Dorr Preston & Frazier a Comm^ee: to enquire into the expediency of having the Labretory for a Writing School —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 6, 1780 — Present Messrs: Scollay, Dorr, Frazier, Grenough.

M^{r}. Nazro was directed to see the Pulpit covered with Black where the Oration is to be pronounced.

[**244.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 6, 1780 — Present Messrs: Scollay, Dorr, Preston, Grenough, Frazier, Price.

The Selectmen having received the Moneys Collected for M^{r}. Monks found the same to be Three hundred twenty-nine Pounds 8/1 — Received further £3″ 6.

M^{r}. Dorr & M^{r}. Grenough, appointed to see M^{r}. Monk and consider what Sum it is necessary to furnish him with for the present.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 4. 1780 Present Dorr, Frazier, Williams, Scollay, Price, Grenough.

Information was given the Selectmen by Isaac Soames Master of the Brigg^{e}. Favorite — That he sayled from Martineque about a Month since, and in four Days after he left that place one of his Hands broke out with the Small Pox, that he arrived at Cape Ann & remained there a Week — that no one on board was liable to the Distemper and that the sick Person has been well twelve Days & had been washed & cleansed sufficiently together with the Vessel — That the Vessel was loaded with Molasses Cotton &^{c}. 8 or 10 Bags of which were Stored in Capt. Hopkins Store Long Wharff — whereupon it was ordered that the said Cotton be immediately carried back to the Vessel she laying at Anchor some distance from the Town, there to be smoked with Brimstone together with ye Vessel & M^{r}. Nazro was directed to see the whole performed at the charge of the Owners.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 6. 1780 Present Messrs: Scollay, Dorr.

Liberty was given to Capt. Somes to unload his Vessel having been sufficiently cleansed — and the Person who had been visited to return home.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 8. 1780 Present Messrs: Scollay, Dorr, Williams, Grenough, Preston, Frazier, Price.

Richard Hunnewell applies for the Premium allowed for bringing their Engine to work first at the Fires which [**245.**] lately broke out at the South Writing School & the Sign of the Lamb.

Ordered, that he have a draught for £6.

drawn for —

The Comm^{ee}. appointed to view the Labratory relative to occupying it for a School Report — Viz^{t}. — That Col^{o}. Burbeck has the care of it at present for the use of the State — that he came in possession of it under Col^{o}. Crafts — that the Land on which it is built belongs to the Town, Major Paddock building on it first

— That it will answer for a School, tho not without a very great expense to the Town in fitting it up in a proper manner.

Mess^{s}: Grenough & Dorr appointed a Committee to visit Christ^{o}. Monk, the Person who was wounded on the 5^{t}. of March 1770. Report — That he is in indigent Circumstances, and in a very weak condition, and that they have given him the Sum of £30–9– bieng part of the Money collected 6^{t}. of March Ins^{t}. for his use. & further that they have directed M^{rs}. Monk who has the care of him to apply as she wants to any of the Selectmen or to M^{r}. Scollay — who has the Money Collected as on the other side, lodged in his hands — see the 20th. of February 1783.

M^{r}. Smith Usher of the South Grammar School, appointed by the Selectmen Master of the North Grammar School in the room of M^{r}. Bentley who has resigned — and Satturday next 10 O'Clock Forenoon he is to be inducted into the School — he having engaged to continue at said School at least for a twelve month —

Ordered that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting March 13. 9. O'Clock Forenoon.

Voted, that M^{r}. Gill have the printing Notefication for the Town Meeting —

M^{r}. Scollay & M^{r}. Frazier a Comm^{e}. to ask D^{r}. Cooper to pray —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 9. 1780 Present Messrs: Dorr, Grenough, Scollay, Preston, Williams, Price.

Passed upon two Acco^{t}. of Paul Farmer am^{t}. to £8899. 13 . 6 & £51. 13 . 4 — as p. Copies on file

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 11. 1780 — Present Messrs: Scollay, Dorr, Greenough, Price, Frazier, Williams.

[**246.**] The Selectmen met and proceeded to the North Grammar School, where M^{r}. Smith was inducted as Master thereof in the room of M^{r}. Bentley who has resigned —

see over y^{e}. other side

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 22^{d}.
Present Messrs: Fellows, Dorr, Mackay, Hubbard, Frazier, Scollay.

M^{r}. Nazro directed to take care of the Iron work saved from the late School house

The Selectmen having received a Warrant from the Hon^{bl}. Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk to enquire into the circumstances of Elizabeth Gillman, of this Widow — Examination & enquiry was made accordingly — and the following return made on said Warrant — Viz^{t}.

Pursuant to the within Warrant we the Subscribers have made examination & enquiry into the Circumstances of the within named Elizabeth Gilman and find her to be a Person non compas & incapable to take care of her self or her Interest —

To The Hon^{bl}. Thomas Cushing Esq.:

The Selectmen grant liberty to Triscot to go into an old

Watch House at the South part of the Town unoccupied he being advanced in Years, and likely to become a Town charge unless he can have a Building to live in —

Mr. Hubbard appointed to apply to the Board of Warr to enquire the price of their Steel &c. —

Mr. Lambert appointed to take care of the Towns Wharff at the North End, acquaints the Selectmen, that he has been greatly abused by one Mc.Clinch, for preventing his carrying off some Timber he had taken from the Wharff —

Mr. Dorr & Capt. Mackay & Mr. Frazier appointed to enquire into this matter, and to prosecute the offender for a trespass if they Judge proper

Young Mr. Croswell attended, and was informed that an Usher was wanted immediately for the South Grammar School and he was allowed till next Wednesday to consider whether engage on tryal —

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse [247.] to be supported at the charge of this State one Alexander Hambelton, a Stranger and not an Inhabitant of any Town in this State, niether has he wherewithall to support himself — Order signed by two of the Selectmen — Vizt — Mr. Scollay & Mr. Mackay signed the Order dated the 5′. of March Inst.

Mr. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse was directed to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the charge of this State, one Mary Linty a Stranger & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this State and is in a suffering condition — the Order dated the 17 of March & signed by two of the Selectmen Vizt. Mr. Scollay & Capt. Mackay —

Mr. Price appointed to apply to the Board of Warr for the Cordage wanted, for the Boat belonging to the State Hospital at Rainsfords Island —

The Selectmen have agreed with Mr. Andrew Tukesbury, for the hire of Deer Island the present Year at the rate of £1000 — p. Annum to be paid in half Year payments — And the Town Clerk is directed to draw out Leases for the same upon the terms of the last Years Lease —

Mr. Benjamin Smith Fisherman applies to the Selectmen for the liberty to place a Box at the West part of the Dock for the keeping of Fish for Sale —

Liberty was granted for his placing a Box on the Square for the present —

Mr. Nazro. was directed, to desire Mr. Hamblin the Hayward, to attend the Selectmen at their Chamber next Wednesday —

[248.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 14. 1780 Present Mess. Scollay, Dorr, Frazier, Price, Mackay, Hubbard.

Information given that a young Man of Mr. Wing the Boat builder taken with the Small Pox. he was sent to the Hospital Wing to pay the Doctor & all other charges.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 15. 1780 Present Messrs. Dorr, Fellows, Mackay, Scollay, Price, Hubbard.

Passed upon Dr. Charles Jarvis State Account amounting as p. Accot. Copy to be on file to £2581" 15 —

Certificate was given and lodged in the Secretarys Office that the bounty of Thirty Pounds was paid to Sixty six Non Commissioned Officers & Privates raised to join the Army under the Command of General Washington for three Months, agreable to a Resolve of the General Court passed October 1779 —

The Assessors have Reported that the Books are ready for the Collectors —

Mr. Hunt & young Mr. Croswell are to be desired to meet at the Selectmens Chamber Wednesday next 3. OClock. Afternoon. —

Voted, that the Watchmen be drawn for next month, at the rate of £37–10/. & the Constable of the Watch at the rate of £56" 5 — p. Month —

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Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 24, 1780. — Present Messrs: Mackay, Fellows, Dorr, Frazier, Scollay.

Voted, that Mr. Jonathan Mason Junr. have five Yards of Cloth it being the custom to allow the same as a compliment for delivering an Oration —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 27, 1780. Present Messrs: Dorr, Mackay, Hubbard, Fellows, Scollay, Price.

Mr. Torrey proposes, William Porter & Philip Freeman Junr. Shop keepers — as his Bondsmen for Collecting Rates &c. who was approved by the Selectmen —

[**249.**] Mr. Benjamin Sumner a Collector Taxes for the Year ensuing proposes, Jonathan Stoddard Gentleman, & John Coolidge Gentleman for his Bondsmen — who were approved of by the Selectmen —

Mr. Thompson proposes Colo. Josiah Waters Esq. & Josiah Waters Junr. Esq. as his Bondsmen — who were approved of.

Francis Shaw Esq. a Collector of Taxes for the Year ensuing proposes Edward Proctor Esq. Sam. Parkman Merch. for his Bondsmen — who were approved of by the Selectmen —

Mr. Hubbard appointed to apply to the Board of War to enquire the price that would be put on the Towns proportion of Steel Reported, that the price of the Steel would be seven Dollars —

Information given the Selectmen that one Covel of Cape Cod lodging at one Stuarts, had the Small Pox upon him — he was immediately sent to the Hospital at new Boston on the State Account — to be under the care of Dr. Appleton.

Mr. Mc.Clinch appeared and acknowledged his offence, and upon consideration of his necessitous Circumstances he was dismissed, promissing better behaviour for the future.

Mr. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse was directed to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the charge of the State one Rebecca Miller a poor Stranger and not an Inhabitant of any Town in this State — Order signed by Mr. Scollay & Mr. Price

Mr. Scollay by Order of the Board signed a Certificate that Priscilla Willson was the Widow & Heir at Law of John Willson deceased, who was in the Continental service —

The Clerk was directed to deliver Certificates to the several Collectors who have executed their Bonds that there was nothing to prevent their receiving the Tax Books of the Assessors —

[250.] Agreed with Capt. Fellows for the Rent of the Land on each side the Neck, the present Year Bull Pasture included. Two hundred Pounds —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 29, 1780 — Present Messrs. Dorr, Scollay, Frazier, Hubbard, Fellows, Mackay, Price.

Mr. William Croswell attended, and was appointed by the selectmen Usher of the South Grammar School for four months from his entring upon the business—

Mr. Edmunds & Mr. Cade who have the care of the North Burying Ground informs the Selectmen, that the Corps of a Person who died of a stab received some time since had been taken out of his Grave by a Person or Persons unknown —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 6. 1780 — Present Messrs. Dorr, Frazier Scollay, Hubbard.

Mr. Dorr & Capt. Mackay, Reports that a Child of Mr. Browns in Salutation Alley North End is broke out with the Small Pox, which being in a remote place & but two or three Persons in the Vicinity liable to the Distemper, gave orders that a Fence should be put up to go across the Alley, & a Flag hung out agreable to Law — that a young Woman by the Name of Richardson is also taken with the Distemper in Charter Street & as it is a publick Street & many near her liable to the Distemper they have given directions to have her removed to the Hospital —

Mr. Dorr appointed a Commee. to see that Mr. Wallace the Clerk of the Market strictly adhere to his Instructions —

Mr. Sloan Master of Engine N. 10 applies for the Premium allowed for playing first with their Engine at the Fires which lately broke at Mr. Wimbles in Middlestreet, at Mr. Ballards in Cross Street & Mr. Pulcifer in Middlestreet —

Voted, that he have a draft for £9 — the premium for the 3 fires — drawn for—

The Chairman & Mr. Price a Committee to confer & Agree with the Honble. Mr. White of Brookline, or any other Person in order to obtain Bulls which they shall Judge sufficient to answer the expectation of the Inhabitants who keep Cows in this Town —

[251.] An Order signed by the Chairman, on the Keeper of the Almshouse to deliver Mercy Burrel the Goods belonging to her deceased Sister who was sent there on the State Account said Goods being left by her in the Almshouse —

Mr. Fellows, Hubbard & Frazier a Committee to confer with Mr. Holbrook relative to the hire of a Room as a School agreable to a late Vote of the Town —

Mr. Hubbard appointed to settle Mr. Pierces Accounts —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 12. 1780 Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Mackay, Price, Fellows, Hubbard, Frazier.

Application having been made the Selectmen that y^e. Ground adjoining M^r. Simkins the Gold Smith near the Draw Bridge upon which Capt. Newell is erecting a Building, May be viewed, it being apprehended, that there is an incroachment on the Street — whereupon, it was Agreed by the Selectmen, that said Ground shall be view'd — and M^r. Dorr and Capt. Mackay are a Committee for that purpose —

T. Brook Woodward, having made application for liberty to set a Box on the Market Square for the selling of Fish, — he was permitted to sell Fish on the Square, provided the Garbage &c. was removed, but they could not for the present allow of a Box being placed on the Square —

Capt. Fellows & M^r. Hubbard, appointed to confer with M^rs. Holbrook about hiring a Room in their House, Reported that M^r. Holbrook was out of Town & they were of opinion that said Room would not accommodate the Schoolars of the South part of the Town, without very great expence —

Voted that the following Advertizement be sent to M^r. Willis's Paper —

The Publick are hereby informed that not withstanding Reports circulated to the contrary, the Small Pox is only in one House in this Town, except the Hospital at West Boston, which House is situated at the Corner of Temple Street not far from said Hospital, where a Flag is hung out as a signal of Infection —

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

[**252.**] It is Agreed by the Selectmen, that Wards N. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. shall be more immediately under the care of M^r. Dorr & Capt. Mackay — N°. 6 with the Hospital at Rainsfords Island under M^r. Scollays — N. 7 with the Hospital at West Boston, under M^r. Fraziers N. 8 — under M^r. Hubbard — N. 9. & 10 under M^r. Prices — N°. 11. 12 — under Capt. Fellows; — for the purposes mentioned in the Minutes of March 17. 1779 —

M^r. Scollay, Price & Hubbard, went to view the Building erecting by Capt. Newell, instead of M^r. Dorr & Capt. Mackay —

M^r. Saml. Phillips Savage owner of the above Land on wch. the above mentioned Building stands agrees to remove said Building back from the Street one foot, M^r. Savage at the same time requesting that an Entry might be made thereof so as that his right to the Land adjoining on the Street might not be understood to be Released —

M^r. Scollay M^r. Hubbard & M^r. Fraser appointed a Committee to bring to a final Determination the Action bro't by the Town against Thos. Hudson —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 19. 1780 Present Messrs: Dorr, Frazier, Scollay, Price, Mackay.

M^r. Dorr & Mackay appointed again a Committee the 12th. Inst^t. to view the Building Erecting by Capt. Newell in Ann Street — they Report that they agreed with him, that he should remove the said Building 15 Inches from the said Street, or otherwise cut off

so much at the Northerly end — but the said Newell afterwards receded so far from the Agreement as to cut off but 8 Inches —

Mr. Dorr & Capt. Mackay appointed to order suitable repairs to the Engine at North Square Capt. Bentley —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 24. 1780 — Present Messrs: Dorr, Scollay, Fellows, Frazier, Mackay, Hubbard.

[253.] The Town Clerk was directed to publish an Advertizement that two Bulls were wanted for Boston Common —

Saml. Brown admitted a Watchman in the room of Matthew Jones —

Mr. Frazier & Mr. Hubbard a Commee: to confer with Mrs. Holbrook, Reported, that she could not accommodate the Town with a House for a School —

The Selectmen agreed to make enquiry relative to ye. Labratory for a School, on Thursday next —

The Town Clerk was directed to issue a Warrt. for Town Meeting Tuesday next 10. O Clock Forenoon — agreable to the Resolves of Congress relative to a form of Government —

Messrs: Fleets to have the printing of the Notifications —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 25. 1780 Present Messrs: Scollay, Dorr, Frazier, Mackay, Hubbard.

The Town Clerk was directed to alter the Notification for a Town Meeting so that it shall stand, — to meet at Faneuil [Hall] on Wednesday the 3d. Day of May next. 10 O Clock Fore-noon a former Vote notwithstanding —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 1. 1780 — Present Messrs. Scollay.

Enoch Taylor from Cape Cod taken with the Small Pox was sent to the Hospital at New Boston —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 3d. 1780 Present Messrs: Scollay, Dorr, Frazier, Hubbard.

Mr. Sherman upon application had leave to open a Drain from his House into North Street, he making good the Ground & Pavement to the satisfaction of the Selectmen —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 10. 1780 — Present Scollay, Frazier, Price, Hubbard.

Voted, to have an Advertizemt. relative to Small Pox

[254.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 11– 1780 — Present Messrs: Scollay, Frazier, Dorr, Hubbard, Mackay.

The Town Clerk is directed to issue a Warrt. for a Town Meeting for choice of Representatives 16′. May —

Mr. Dorr & Capt. Mackay a Commee. to wait upon Mr. Lothrop and desire him to open the Meeting with Prayer —

Mr. Willis had the printing the Notifications.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 14. 1780 — Present Mess. Scollay, Frazier.

Information bieng given that the Child of Mr. Bickers who had the Small Pox was dead — the Town Clerk was directed to write & publish an Advertizement —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 16. 1780 Present Messrs: Fellows, Dorr, Price, Hubbard.

Upon application made by Mr. Gorham of Charlestown the Jury Boxes were lent the managers of Charlestown Lottery in order to draw the Tickets.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 17. 1780 Present Messrs. Fellows, Dorr, Hubbard, ———

The Town Clerk directed to send an Advertizement relative to the Small Pox — the Town being now clear of it — saving the Hospital at New Boston —

Capt. Hunt of Engine No. 2 proposes William Dorricut as a suitable Person, for his Engine Company who was accordingly approved of by the Selectmen in the room of Thomas Atkins —

Abraham Adams applies for leave to open a Drain from his House in Newbury Street to the Common Shore — Liberty granted provided, the Pavement is relaid & the Ground made good to the satisfaction of the Selectmen —

[255.] John Smith applies for a Stall in Faneuil Hall lately occupied by Mr. Jeremiah Parker deceased. Voted, that his request be granted —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 22d. 1780 Present Messrs: Scollay, Frazier, Price, Hubbard.

Passed upon Dr. Jarvis's State Account amounting to £— as p. copy thereof on file

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 23d. 1780 — Present Scollay, Dorr, Frazier, Price, Hubbard.

A Certificate was given by the Selectmen that Frances Leppington is the Widow of Joshua Leppington who went from this Town as a Soldier in Capt. Wales Company of Colo. Marshalls Regiment & is lawful Heir to the said Leppington deceased —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 24. 1780 — Present Messrs: Scollay, Price.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 28. 1780 — Present Messrs: Scollay, Frazier, Price, Hubbard.

Information being given that a young Lady in a House in Sudbury Street near Deacon Storers, was broke out with the Small Pox — she was prevailed upon to consent to her bieng removed to the Hospital at West Boston —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 29. 1780 — Present Messrs: Dorr, Price, Hubbard, Fellows, Scollay, Frazier.

Mary Atkins a Stranger & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this State, bieng in a suffering state was sent to the Almshouse to be supported at the charge of the State May 24 — Order on Mr. Farmer signed by Mr. Dorr & Mr Hubbard

Upon application made therefor, Liberty was granted to the Council to make use of Faneuil Hall on the Election Day —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 18. 1780 — Present — Scollay, Price.

[256.] A Memorial was handed in to the Council of this State representing the State of the Hospital at West Boston with respect to Beds Bedding &c. & praying for a supply —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 1. A.M. Present Messrs: Scollay, Frazier, Price, Hubbard.

Information given the Selectmen that a Cartel from N York, who left that City last Thursday, having 272 Prisoners, 6 of whom had died on the Passage with the Small Pox, had been brought too by the Cartel —

Orders were therefore given to Capt. Samuel Laha Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island to receive the Infected Persons on shore & smoke & cleanse them & their Clothing, together with the Vessel; and that no Person be suffered to take anything from the Ship or to let any one go or come from the Vessel without permission —

Orders were also given the Commander of the Cartel to proceed immediately for Rainsford Island, & there to follow the directions of Capt. Laha who has the care of the State Hospital —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 1. 1780. P.M. Present Messrs: Dorr.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 6. 1780 — Present Messrs: Dorr, Scollay, Frazier, Price, Hubbard.

Dorathy Wheeler & her Child was sent to the Almshouse June 3d. Inst. to be supported as a State Poor. Order signed by Mr. Dorr & Capt. Mackay.

The following Orders were given the Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island — Vizt. —

Boston June 6, 1780 —

Capt. Samuel Laha

You having represented to us that a number of the Prisoners who came in the Cartel from New York may now leave the Island with Safety [257.] Our Orders are that you permit such only to leave the Hospital as Doctor Foster & Dr. Warren do Certify under their hands that they have had the Small Pox, and are free from Infection & are in such a situation as leads them to apprehend. they may come up to the Continental Hospital in this Town by Water without danger of communicating the Small Pox or any malignant Fever to the Inhabitants, which Persons with everything they bring with them you are to see well smoked & cleansed before they leave the Island —

By Order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

A Representation was made the General Court of the present state of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island and a plan & estimate of the necessary Repairs was at the same time laid before them —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June. 7. 1780 Present Messrs: Dorr^e, Fellows, Frazier, Price, Mackay, Hubbard.

The Selectmen regulated the Jury Boxes bieng a Committee appointed by the Town at a late Meeting, for that purpose —

Passed upon Paul Farmers State Accounts amounting as p. Copy on file to £23600''2/0 — & £102 /8/1 —

Passed upon D^r. Charles Jarvis State Account for attending one Mitchel a Stranger, which was passed upon before, but the Account having been mislaid at the Council is now passed upon again & with some additions amounts to £1324 — as p Copy to be left by ye Doctor & placed on the files — on file.

Voted that a Warrant be issued by the Town Clerk for calling a Town Meeting June 7, 1780 — 3. O^c.Clock P.M.

Voted, that the Constables be directed to Warn the Inhabitants without Notifications.

[258.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 9, 1780 Present Messrs. Fellows, Dorr, Mackay, Hubbard —

M^r. Thomas Bayley a Measurer of Wood applies to the Selectmen for a further allowance —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 12, 1780 — Present Messrs. Scollay, Price.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 14, 1780 — Present Scollay, Dorr, Price, Frazier, Fellows

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 16. 1780 — Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Frazier, Price.

Application made by M^r. Richardson Keeper of the Hospital at New Boston, that he might be suffered to go abroad —

The Selectmen having considered this Application are of opinions that he cannot be suffered to come out, till the Hospital is clear of Infection —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 16 1780 — Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Frazier, Price.

Several Persons having made application to the Selectmen to Judge of their Ability to pay their fines laid on such as are impressed for the Continental Army — the Selectmen determined not to act till there should be a full Board, & the Town Clerk was directed to acquaint the Selectmen not present that the Meeting stands Adjourned to Satturday 4. OClock Afternoon in order for a full Board that said business may then be acted upon —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 17, 1780 A. M. Present Messrs. Scollay, Frazier, Price, Hubbard —

M^r. Richardson Keeper of the Hospital at New Boston makes application again, that he may be suffered to go abroad —

[259.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 17, 1780. P.M. Present Scollay, Fellows, Dorr, Price, Mackay.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 20. 1780 — Present Messrs: Dorr, Scollay, Fellows, Price, Mackay, Hubbard.

M^{r}. Walleys Letter to the Selectmen relative to an advancement being made by Individuals, of their State Tax, was read — and the consideration thereof referred to to-Morrow Afternoon —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 21, 1780 — Present Messrs. Dorr, Price, Scollay, Frazier, Hubbard.

The Committee of Correspondence & the Selectmen having conferred together relative to encouraging the Inhabitants of this Town to advance their Taxes, to answer the particular emergencies of Government, are of Opinion that this matter be not acted upon till the business of the Drafting the Men for the Continental Army is compleated.

M^{r}. Thomas Beauteneau & M^{r}. Nathaniel Kneeland Persons drafted in order to reinforce the Continental Army appeared & pray'd the Selectmen to examine into their Circumstances as pointed out in the Resolve for drafting —

M^{r}. Nazro directed to order the attendance of the Fishermen who hire the Stalls on the Dock Square over the Water —

Certificates were given in M^{r}. Thom^{s}. Beauteneau & M^{r}. Nathaniel Kneeland, that they are not of sufficient Ability to pay the Fines of £150 — incurred by a late Act for drafting Men —

A Woman named ordered to the Hospital at West Boston from Greens Barracks at the charge of the State —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 22^{d}. 1780 Present Messrs: Fellows, Dorr, Frazier, Price, Mackay, Hubbard.

M^{r}. David Jones appeared & prays the Selectmen to examine into his Circumstances, also M^{r}. John Oden —.

[260.] The Town Clerk directed to give Certificates to Mess: David Jones, & M^{r}. John Odin M^{r}. James Bayley Benj^{a}. Jeffries — Certificates that they are not of sufficient Abilities to pay their Fines —

M^{r}. Paul Farmer required to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the charge of the State one John Murphey a sick Stranger, who has not wherewithall to support himself —

Order signed by M^{r}. Scollay & M^{r}. Fellows —

It was Agreed by the Selectmen to attend the Visitation of the Schools on Wednesday the 5^{t}. Day of July next —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 23^{d}. 1780 — Present Mess: Scollay, Frazier, Dorr, Price

Town Clerk directed to give a Certificate to M^{r}. Joseph Putnam that he is not of sufficient ability to pay the Fine for not serving as a Soldier.

Capt. Elias Robinson of Engine N. 3, applies for a Premium

for playing first on a Fire which lately broke out at Mr. Paine the Millers —

Voted that he have a draft next draft Day.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 24. 1780. Present Messrs. Dorr, Price, Hubbard, Scollay, Frazier —

The Town Clerk is directed to give Certificates to Thomas Ridgeway, John Baker, John King, —

A Lad taken with the Small Pox, which Lad came in the Cartel from So. Carolina, was sent to the Hospital at West Boston —

Mr. Collector Torry having applied to the Selectmen for advice relative to Mr. Brown & Bethunes Taxes & other under simular circumstances — Mr. Price was appointed to confer with some Gentlemen of the Law, relative thereto —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 26. 1780. Present Messrs. Dorr, Mackay, Frazier, Price, Hubbard.

[261.] The Watchmen have requested of the Selectmen an Aughmentation of their Wages —

The Town Clerk was directed to draw for the School Masters agreable to a Vote of the Town, at the rate of Seventy for one —

Mr. Frazier appointed to enquire into the conduct of Mr. Richardson, Keeper of the Hospital at New Boston, it having been represented to the Selectmen that he has been very negligent with respect to preventing the Small Pox being communicated to the Inhabitants by his Children going abroad —

Mr. Hubbard appointed to examine Dr. Appleton's State Account —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 28, 1780. — Present Messrs. Dorr, Mackay.

Mr. Farmer required to remove into the Almshouse to be supported at the charge of the State one John Bradley a sick Stranger who has not wherewithall to support himself —

Order dated this day signed by Mr. Dorr & Capt. Mackay.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 30. 1780. Present Messrs. Dorr, Hubbard, Frazier, Scollay, Mackay, Fellows.

Passed upon Dr. N: W: Appletons State Account amt. to £9003″– 4–2d.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 1. 1780. Present Scollay, Dorr, Frazier, Hubbard, Mackay.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 6. 1780 — Present: Messrs Scollay, Fellows. Dorr, Frazier, Price, Hubbard, Mackay.

The Visitation of the Schools was attended by the Selectmen this Day when it appeared that there was in the South Grammar School Scholars in the North Grammar School Scholars

in the Writing School in Queen Street Scholars at the North Writing Schools Scholars all in good Order —

[262.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 6. 1780 — Present Messrs. Dorr, Frazier, Hubbard.

The Resolve relative to Horses, laid before the Board

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 7. 1780 — Present Messrs: Dorr, Hubbard, Fellows, Price, Mackay.

A Resolve of the General Court relative to purchasing draft Horses bieng laid before the Selectmen — Capt. Fellows was appointed to agree with such Persons as had Horses or Oxen to hire or sell, for eleven Horses being the Towns proportion p. said Resolve — And the Town Clerk was directed to publish an Advertizement in the Mondays Papers in conforming there to — Capt. Fellows is to engage a draught on the Town Treasury for payment of the hire or Purchase of the Horses —

M^{r}. Dorr & Capt. Mackay a Comm^{e}. appointed to agree with M^{r}. Boyce for carrying the Resolve of the General Court into execution so far as relates to the removal of the Barracks at Long Island to Rainsfords Island & —to order the necessary Repairs agreeable to said Resolve passed the 12 June 1780 —

The Selectmen have determined that in case application is not made to the Selectmen within ten Days for their approbation of M^{r}. Ponds Keeping a School in this Town — a prosecution shall be entred against him —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 12. 1780 — Present Messrs: Dorr, Frazier, Mackay, Price, Hubbard, Fellows.

M^{r}. Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse was requested to receive into said House to be supported at the charge of the State one Elizabeth Lawrence a lame Person a Stranger & not an Inhabitant of any [263.] Town in this State, & who has not wherewithall to support herself — Order signed by M^{r}. Dorr & M^{r}. Frazier.

M^{r}. Enoch Pond having by his Petition on file, pray'd liberty of the Selectmen to open an English Grammar School in this school Liberty was granted accordingly —

The Town Clerk was directed to draw upon the Town Treasurer, for the payment of Eleven Horses purchased by Capt. Fellows, for the use of the Continental Army agreable to a Resolve of the General Assembly passed the 23^{d}. of June last — Viz^{t}. —

In favor of	Hastings for 2 Horses	- -	£1600 –
	Jeremiah Gore	1 - - -	1100 –
	Robert M^{c}.Neail	1 - - -	1100
	Stephen Hall	3 - - -	3000
	Robert Wier	1 - - -	1200
a Milton Man		1 - - -	900
	Capt. Bliss	1 - - -	1200
	Caleb Davis Esq	1 - - -	900
Orders drawn - -		11	£ – 11000

see July 17 —

The Fishermen were directed to attend next Wednesday: also the Watchmen Mr. Oliver Wendell desires the use of the Jury Boxes in order to draw the Long Wharff Lottery: his request granted. Also the use of Faneuil Hall to draw the sd. Lottery: also granted.

Mr. Bayley Wood Measurer applied for an aughmentation of his Fees, which being considered by the Selectmen — the Question was put & passed in the negative.

Capt. Fellows & Capt. Mackay a Committee with Mr. Dorr & Mr. Price to view the Towns Land behind the South Market in Beach Street — Report, That it be leased for the term of 21 Years to Nicholas Pierce & John Wheeler Bricklayers — conditioned to pay 50 p. hard Money p. Years or Paper equivalent as Rent. as also to build a good & sufficient Stone Head against the Sea & to keep the abütment in good repair — & in case he erects any Building or Buildings during said term, at the expiration thereof [**264.**] such Building to be appraised by Men mutually chosen, & if the Lessees do not incline the Town shall have them at the Appraisement they are to have liberty to remove them —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 17. 1780 Present Messrs: Dorr, Scollay, Frazier, Price.

Capt. Fellows having returned two Orders for pay of Horses. Vizt. an Order on Town Treasurer in favor of —

Hastings for 2 Horses - -	£1600	
One in favor of Robert Wier for 1 Horse -	1200 –	
		£2800 –

three other Orders on the Treasurer was given Vizt. —

One in favor of William Walker for - - -	£1100 –
do. of Joseph Kettle - - - -	840 –
do. of Wymen - - - -	900 –
	£2840

The Collectors applied for a Certificate to the Assessors, in order for their receiving the Tax Books & the Town Clerk was directed to furnish them with one accordingly —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 19. 1780 — Present Messrs: Dorr, Fellows, Mackay, Frazier, Hubbard.

The following Persons were drawn Jurors for a Maritime Court for the middle District — Vizt. —

Mess: William Shattuck
Daniel Waters
Thomas Sherburne
George B. Gedney
Capt. Ebenezer Howard
Ebenezer Hinckley —

Mr. Beal the Carpenter having made use of a Post belonging to

the Town, has been directed by the Selectmen to pay the Town Treasurer for the same £9 —

Mr. Joseph Ballard having been draughted, the Town Clerk was directed to give him a Certificate that he is not of sufficient abilities to pay the Fine —

Mr. Robert Newman appointed pro. Temp. Constable of the Watch at New Boston, in the room of Mr. Green [**265.**] going in the Army —

Mr. Dorr, Capt. Mackay & Mr. Frazier are appointed to agree with some suitable Persons to carry on the Repairs at Rainsfords Island — Mr. Bowe who was applied to having declined the Business —

The Selectmen have agreed to proceed to Deer Island, on a visit, Friday next Week —

A Certificate was given Capt. Sampson of the Mars that the Cartel from N. York was free from Infection —

The Fishermen are to pay p. Agreement to Mr. Wallace as hire of their Boxes for February & March 4 Dollars p. month & from April the 1° — twelve Dollars p. month —

Mr. Smith permitted to have a Box at the end of the other Fish Boxes —

Mr. Freelands Box upon the Square is to be removed immediately —

The Selectmen have agreed that the Constables of the Watch are to be drawn for next month at the rate of £120 — p. m°. as Constables & the Watchmen at £90 — p. m°. —

And that Mr. Nazro be drawn for at the rate of three hundred & twenty pounds p. Quarter, exclusive of extra services —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 26. 1780 Present Messrs. Dorr, Mackay, Hubbard, Frazier, Scollay.

Passed upon Dr. Whipples State Acct. for attendance on the sick on board the Cartel, amounting to £1302 — Mr. Scollay was desired to give a Certificate.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 31. 1780 Present Messrs: Dorr, Mackay, Scollay, Frazier, Price.

Passed upon Accounts —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 2d. 1780 Present Messrs: Dorr, Price, Scollay, Mackay.

[**266.**] The Committee appointed to agree with a Person to make the necessary repairs at Rainsford Island Reported, that Mr. Edmund Ranger would undertake them, the said Ranger last Monday attended & the Selectmen agreed with him accordingly, he to wait for his Money till the work is compleated —

The Selectmen appointed Mr. William Croswell Usher of the South Grammar School, he having acted in that capacity for about four months past to the approbation of the Selectmen —

Mr. Wear admitted by the Selectmen a Watchman for the South Watch —

Passed upon Adam Knox, State Account amounting to £172 —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 9. 1780 — Present Messrs: Dorr, Price, Frazier.

Samuel Champney Butcher applies for the Stall, in Faneuil Hall Market, lately improved by Noah Parkers who has left it —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 16 Present Messrs. Dorr, Price, Hubbard, Mackay.

An Order drawn on Paul Farmer to receive into the Almshouse John Flanagan (a Sick Stranger,) on acc^{o}. of the State, The Order sign'd by Dorr, and Price Aug. 4th. instant.

Dorr and, Mackay appointed a Committee to enquire into the circumstances of the North Battery and report.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 17. Present Messrs: Scollay, Price, Hubbard, Dorr.

Agreable to the request of the French Officers signified by M^{r}. Bowdoin the President of the Council

The Selectmen Certified in writing" — That the Troops belonging to his most Christian Majesty both Officers & Men during their residence here have demeaned themselves Civilly & in all respects with the greatest propriety —

[**267.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Aug^{t}. — Present Messrs. Dorr, Price, Scollay, Mackay.

The Committee relative to North Battery Reported, that it appears to them that it will be for the Interest of the Town to Advertize said Estate to be Leased —

Voted, that the Town Clerk prepare an Advertizement accordingly to be published in one of the Mondays & one of the Thursdays Papers —

Voted, that Warrants be issued to the Constables for calling a Meeting of the Inhabitants qualified by Law for the purpose of Electing a Governor Lieu^{t}. Governor, & six Senators for the Year ensuing —

M^{r}. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse on the State Account April 3^{d}. 1778 — two Infant Children one a Daughter of Robert Hind a Stranger — & an other a Daughter of the said Hind, the 23^{d}. of April 1780 — & another Infant a Daughter of Deborah Hurley a Stranger Decem^{r}. 9. 1779 —

Agreed upon a Visit to Rainsfords Island Satturday next to set off from the Town Dock —

Voted, that Capt. Mackay & M^{r}. Dorr be a Comm^{e}. to wait upon Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Lothrop & desire him to open the Town Meeting with Prayer —

M^{r}. Boyle the Printer to have the printing the Notifications —

Passed upon Asa Stodders State Account amount^{s} to 890 — 12— as p. Copy on file —

The Selectmen bieng informed that three Children of one M^{r}. Clark at Master Hunts School, having behaved improperly were corrected by the Usher & that the Father of the Children had so resented it as to strike the said Usher in the School — M^{r}. Nazro was directed to Notify the s^{d}. Clark & M^{r}. Croswell to attend the

next Monday the Selectmen — & that in the mean time the several Masters of the Town Schools be directed not to receive them —

[268.] Mr. Samuel Champney to have Stalls in Market No. 4 & 8 —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 26 — Present Scollay, Dorr, Fellows, Price, Mackay, Hubbard.

Visited Rainsfords Island & gave the necessary Orders relative to the Repairs of the Hospital —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 28, 1780. Present Dorr, Price, Fellows, Frazier, Price, Mackay, Hubbard.

Gave an Order on Paul Farmer Keeper of the Alms house to receive one John Mc.Daniel a sick Stranger who had not wherewithall to support himself Claim to support at the charge of this State — Order dated Augt. 24. & signed by Mr. Dorr & Mr. Price

Mr. Croswell the Usher of the South Grammar School, & Mr. Clark attended according to the requirement of the Selectmen and were both heard relative to the complaint brought by the Usher against Mr. Clark for entring said School & grosly insulting him before the Scholars by striking him and it appearing that the complaint was well founded & that Mr. Clarks behavior had a direct tendency to destroy the influence of His Usher & the good order & Government of the Schools — it was determined by the Selectmen, that no Child of the said Clarks shall have the privilege of an education in any of the publick Schools of this Town unless their sd. Father shall go into Mr. Hunts School & there make his acknowledgement to Mr. Croswell in the presence of the Scholars of his imprudent behavior; and that this being done the Children of the said Clark shall be again admitted on the footing of other Scholars —

The Selectmen having acted upon the list of Taverners & Retailers for the last Year, the same was returned to Ezekiel Price Esq. Clerk of the Sessions with the doings of the Selectmen thereon, as by Copy on file — they afterwards considered the Petitions presented, when the following Persons were approbated by the Selectmen Vizt —

David Brewer - - to keep a Tavern at a House on Dock Square
Joshua Bunker - - - - - - to keep a Tavern near Consert Hall
Winthrop Gray - - - - to keep a Tavern near the State House
[269.] Nathaniel Hall - - - - - to retail at his Distill House
Daniel English - - - - - do. at his Shop on Wentworths Wharff
Sarah Swanton - - - - - do. at her Shop
Hannah Young - - - - - do. at her Shop
Mary Marshall - - - - do. at her Shop
Margaret Winslow - - - do. at her Shop near the Cornfields
William Brown - - - - - do. at his Shop
Hannah Bowland - - - - do. at her Shop
Rebecka Lovering - - - do. at her Shop in King Street
Katharine Decoster - - do. at her Shop in Milk Street
Joseph Burk - - - - - - do. at his Store on Dock Square

James Kemeley - - - - d°. - - -
Jemima Chepman - - - d°. at her Shop on Wentworths Wharff
James Welch - - - - - d°. at
William Fallas - - - - d°. at his Shop South End
John Hinckley - - - - - d°. at his Shop Dock Square
Ebenr. Hinckley - - - - d°. at his Shop S°. End
Aaron Cabbot - - - - - d°. at his Shop
Sarah Doulet - - - - - - d°. at her Shop North End
John How - - - - - - - d°. at his Shop
Samuel Bonner - - - - d°. at his Shop
Cord. Sinclear - - - - - d°. at her Shop
Edward Burt - - - - - - d°. at his Shop N°. End
Allice Collins - - - - - d°. at her Shop
Hannah Pecker - - - - d°. at her Shop N°. End
Jacob Sweetser - - - - d°. at his Shop near Dock Square
Rebech. Valentine - - - d°. at her Shop at the Orange Tree
Hannah Burger - - - - d°. at her Shop
John Magner - - - - - d°. at his Shop near Olivers Dock
Robert Davis - - - - - d°. at his Shop near Fortification
Daniel Parks - - - - - d°. at his Shop near Almshouse
Passed upon Accounts —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Aug. 30. 1780 — Present Messrs: Dorr, Scollay, Fellows, Price, Frazier.

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed by an Order dated the 29'. of August Inst. to permit Dorothy Wheeler a Stranger to leave the Almshouse, she having recovered her health —

The Town Clerk is directed to give attested Copies of the Town Vote relative to Mr. Clark, as entred Augt. 28 —

Mr. Hubbard appointed a Committee to cast up State Accounts —

[270.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 4. 1780 Present Scollay, Dorr, Mackay, Price.

Passed upon Paul Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse Accounts amounting as p. Copy on file to £22362 . . 19 . . 11 — and £167 . . 19 —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 5. 1780 Present Messrs: Scollay, Frazier, Price, Mackay.

Extra Jurors drawn for Superior Court —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 6. 1780 — Present Messrs: Dorr, Fellows, Price, Mackay.

Mr. Dorr & Mr. Mackay a Committee to order the necessary Repairs to the North Lattin School House —

The consideration of a time to perambulate the Line between Boston & Roxbury, referred to Wednesday next —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 13. 1780 Present Messrs: Dorr, Hubbard, Scollay, Price, Frazier.

The Selectmen have agreed to perambulate the Bounds betwixt

this Town & the Town of Roxbury on Tuesday 26th. Day of September — and the Town Clerk is to Notify the Selectmen of Roxbury, & to propose a Meeting on said Day at

Mr. Price and Mr. Hubbard a Commee. to enquire of Deacon Simkins relative to the Towns Shop on the Dock engaged to Mr. Stimson —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 20, 1780 — Present Mackay, Dorr.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sept. 25. 1780 Present Messrs: Dorr, Mackay, Scollay, Price.

On the Petition of sundry Inhabitants respecting a defective Chimney belonging to Mr. Samuel Clough, voted that the consideration of it be referred to next Wednesday —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 26. 1780 — Present Messrs: Scollay, Dorr, Frazier, Price, Mackay, Hubbard.

Met the Selectmen of Roxbury & renewed the Bounds [**271.**] betwix. that Town and Boston — Vide Oct. 18th.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 27. 1780 Present Messrs. Dorr, Mackay, Hubbard, Price, Frazier.

Chose 6 Jurors for Maritime Court — Vizt.

Messrs. James Ivers
Sam: Grenough
Thomas Bayley
William Sherburne
Henry Bass
John Gorham

Mr. John Box approved as a Retailer of Spirits at his House in Cambridge Street —

Mr. Dorr & Mr. Mackay a Commee: to confer with Mr. Clough relative to a defective Chimney complain'd of —

Mr. Frazier appointed to order the necessary Repairs to the Hospital at West Boston —

The Town Clerk to call upon Colo. Procter & request that he would furnish the Selectmen with an account of the Mileage Money of the six & three months Men lately sent as a reinforcement to the Army —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 4. 1780 Present Dorr, Fellows, Price, Mackay.

Mary Griggory a Stranger sent to the Almshouse Septemr. 28. Order signed by Mr. Dorr & Capt. Mackay to be supported at the charge of the State, being unable to support herself —

Capt. Mackay & Mr. Dorr a Commee. to order Repairs to Capt. Hunts Engine —

The Commee. appointed for the purpose Reported, that they had conferred with Mr. Clough, relative to the defect in a Chimney and that he had promised to repair the same —

Upon Complaint made by the Fire Wards against Mr. Holland

& M^{r}. Curtis, for this behaviour at a late Fire M^{r}. Nazro, was directed to order their attendance the Wednesday after next —

Voted, that the Town Clerk issue a Warr^{t}. for a Town Meeting on Wednesday next being the 11^{t}. Inst^{t}.—

M^{r}. Howard to open the Town Meeting with Prayer

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 11 1780. Present Messrs: Dorr.

BOOK SIXTEENTH.

[1.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 14. 1780 Present Messrs. Dorr, Scollay, Frazier, Price, Hubbard, Mackay,

Voted, that M^{r}. Nazro be directed, that in all future Town Meetings & Adjournments, directions shall be given by him in Person to all the Bell Ringers for the duly ringing the Bells for said Meetings & any Adjournments —

The Committee appointed to confer with Deacon Simkins relative to the Towns Shop occupied by M^{r}. Stimpson, Report that M^{r}. Simkins acquaints them that he delivered up the Keys about two months ago to said Stimpson, who is to pay Rent from that time —

M^{r}. Frazier appointed to examine D^{r}. Appleton's Hospital Accounts —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 18. 17. 1780 Present Messrs. Dorr, Frazier, Mackay, Fellows, Scollay, Hubbard,

Voted, that M^{r}. Isaac Pierce be authorized to make Sale of the Vegitables raised at New Boston, and that he secure the Rails & Fencing at the Granary Cellar —

M^{r}. Holland Master of Engine N°. 5. applies to the Selectmen for the premium allowed by the Town for bringing their Engine to work first at the Fire which lately broke out at the Long Wharff —

Voted, that he have a draft accordingly —

M^{r}. Nazro was directed to require of the several Sextons the ringing of the Bells Wednesday next, being the General Election Day, of the Commonwealth —

M^{r}. Holland Master of Engine N°. 5 — attended according to Order — and was examined as to his behavior to the Fire Wards: — the further consideration was referred

Passed upon D^{r}. Appleton's State Acco^{t}. amounting as by his Account to £2811″ 4″ 8 —

M^{r}. Pierce is permitted to dispose of the Potatoes belonging to the Town at £30 — p. Bushel

[2.] The Town Clerk is directed to write to the Selectmen of Roxbury to be informed whether the Stakes have been put down, & if they are that they would send the Returnes, of the Preambulation, that they may be signed & exchanged — Mem^{o}. the return made & on file.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 26. 1780 Present Messrs. Scollay, Fellows, Dorr, Makay, Frazier, Hubbard —

M^{r}. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Alms house on the State's Charge Hannah Langsford who is a Stranger & unable to support herself — Order signed by two of the Selectmen vizt. M^{r}. Dorr & Capt. Mackay —

Upon application made by his Excellency John Hancock Esq. for liberty to break ground near his Seats for the pulling up old Trees and putting down others in their room — liberty was accordingly granted — & M^{r}. Hubbard & M^{r}. Frazier were appointed a Comm^{ee}. to view the Bank near his House —

The Town Clerk is directed to Issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting Monday the 30th. Ins^{t}. 10 O'Clock Forenoon.

A Copy of the Town Vote for the attendence of four Constables at least at Town Meetings, was sent M^{r}. Kennedy Clerk to the Constables — Messrs. Fleets had the printing of the Notifications.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 30, 1780 — Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Frazier, Price, Mackey; Hubbard —

Voted, that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for Town Meeting to be held Thursday next 3 O'Clock Afternoon — the Town Meeting for this Day having been set aside thro. the omission of the Constables in not warning one of the Wards — And the Clerk is directed to acquaint the Constable to whom the Warrant shall be delivered, that he may expect to be prosecuted in case of any failure in warning —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 30. 1780 P.M. Present Messrs. Dorr, Frazier, Price, Mackay —

Capt. Fellows appointed to see the necessary repairs to the South Watch house.

M^{r}. Holland & Capt. Curtis Masters on the complaint [3.] of the Fire Wards appeared — and having declared that it was not their intention to give any offence to the Fire Wards, they are therefore continued in Office, and it is recommended to the Fire wards, to pass the matter over.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novem^{r}. 7. 1780. Present Messrs. Scollay, Frazier, Fellows, Price.

A Letter was sent to the Selectmen of Roxbury, proposing an amicable Settlement of the dispute relative to Col^{o}. Sears, Taxes as p Copy on file —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novem^{r}. 8. 1780. Present Messrs. Dorr, Fellows, Price, Mackay —

Joseph Daniels & Samuel Todd, were admitted by the Selectmen as Engine Men in Capt. George Ridgways Engine Company N°. 6 —

The Selectmen recommended M^{r}. Samuel Lawrance to the Justices of the Court of Sessions as a suitable Person to retail

Spirituous Liquors at his Shop the South side of the State House

Capt. Mackay & M^{r}. Dorr appointed to order necessary Repairs to the Resovoirs on Dock Square

The Selectmen have agreed to view the Land & Buildings near the Fortification, now occupied by Capt. Sam: Davis, Satturday next. 8 O'Clock —

Application made M^{r}. Pitts one of the Mill Owners, that the Mill Bridges now become very dangerous, might be repaired immediately —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 14, 1780. Present Messrs. Fellows Price, Hubbard Frazier

Deacon Newall applys to the Selectmen for liberty to draw the Boston Pier Lottery, at Faneuil Hall this Week —

The following Persons were drawn Jurors for a Maritime Court — Viz^{t} —

Paul Revere Esqr.
James Wells
William Syms
John Byles
William Porter
Stephen Gore

[4.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 16, 1780 Present Messrs. Fellows, Dorr, Hubbard, Price, Frazier, Mackay.

M^{r}. Blake petitions for liberty to set a Fish Market on the Towns Land, near M^{r}. Kneelands House

M^{r}. Hunt represents, that the School house & Wood house in School Street requires Repairs —

Passed upon Capt. Samuel Lahas State Account amounting to £ 1214 — as p Copy on file —

M^{r}. Price & M^{r}. Hubbard appointed a Committee to order the necessary Repairs to M^{r}. Hunts School

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 20, 1780 Present Messrs. Fellows, Price, Hubbard, Dorr, Frazier.

The Assessors Appeared & informed that the Tax Books are ready to be delivered —

The Town Clerk was directed to furnish them with Certificates accordingly —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 22^{d}. 1780 Present Messrs. Dorr, Mackay, Price —

A Certificate was given that Mary Kennedy is the Widow of James Kennedy lately a Sergeant in the Regiment of Artillery under the Command of Coll^{o}. Crafts & died about seven Weeks past.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 27, 1780 Present Messrs. Dorr, Frazier, Hubbard, Mackay, Price.

Passed upon Samuel Barrets State Account amounting as p Copy to £295–2 —

Deacon Samuel Holland again recommended to be a Retailer of Spirituous Liquors at his Shop in North Street —

Mr. Nazro directed to order Repairs to the Stalls in Faneuil Hall Market —

Mr. Ireland Constable of the Watch ordered to attend Wednesday next —

Passed upon Accounts —

[5.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 29th. 1780 — Present Messrs. Dorr, Fellows, Price, Scollay, Frazier, —

Capt. Newman Constable of the Watch at New Boston proposes John Casy as a Watchman in the room of Thomas Pitcher, — whereupon he was permitted to make the exchange.

Passed upon Gibbins Sharps State Account, amounting to £1136.. 16 — as p Copy on file.

The Town Clerk directed to draw for Capt. Fellows the Sum Voted by the Town at a late Meeting amounting to — £34043. 18–4 —

Mr. Frazier & Mr. Price a Commee. to consider & Report where will be the most convenient place for Mr. Blake to erect a Fish Market — agreable to his Petition —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 6th. 1780. Present Messrs. Dorr, Fellows, Scollay, Price.

The Committee having viewed agreable to their appointmt. a piece of Land at the South End near the South Market so called measuring about nine feet upon Orange Street has been kept open as a Water course from the Common Shore into the Sea for more than eighty Years; and in their Opinion a Fish Market may be erected thereon, without incumbrance to said Water Course —

Revd. Mr. Stillman informs that he has taken into his House one Anne McClenegon & her Child of about 14 months old named Charlotta

On two Petitions of sundry Inhabitants for Erecting Fish Markets, one on the Common Shore upon Orange Street & the other opposite to Mr. Henshaws House — it was determined by the Selectmen that neither of these places were suitable for the purpose —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 8, 1780. Present Messrs. Dorr, Mackay, Hubbard, Price, Scollay

Town Clerk directed to issue a Warrant for Town Meeting on Tuesday next 10 OClock Forenoon —

[6.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 19, 1780 Present Messrs. Dorr, Fellows, Price, Mackay, Frazier, Scollay.

Wills appears & informs that he ——

Agreed to wait upon the Governor next Thursday Forenoon to confer with him respecting the takeing down part of the Wall of

the Fortification so called, agreeable to a Vote of the Town — the Selectmen having Voted that it is expedient to have it done — & on Mr. Dennie immediately after relative to a Room in the Manufactory House for a School, as p Town Vote

Voted, that the Town Clerk be directed to issue a Warrt. for a Town Meeting Fryday next 3 OClock P.M.

The Selectmen have agreed, that such of the Fishermen as hold Stalls on the Dock, and have not paid the Rent for their Boxes, shall be immediately sued for the sd. Rent

The Town Clerk is directed to write Colo. Procter & ask of him, a particular Accot. of all the Sums that have been paid for bounties hire to the last Year (1780) three & six Months Men, with the proper Vouchers in order to their being returned into the Secretarys Office as it must be done by the 1st. of January next —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decemr. 20, 1780. Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Price, Hubbard, Mackay,

Passed upon Mr Paul Farmer Keeper of the Alms house Accounts amounting to £ 25, 579–1–2– & £ 186 " 8 " 6– as p Copy on file

The Town Clerk is to furnish the Town Treasurer with an Account of the Rents due for the Fish Boxes —

Messrs. Hubbard & Price a Commee. to wait on Mr. Dennie & confer with him relative to the hire of a Chamber in a House he has lately purchased, for a School

Next Wednesday has been Assigned, for taking into consideration the Town Rents —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 25, 1780. Present Messrs. — The Town Clerk —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 27, 1780. Present Mess: Fellows, Dorr, Price, Hubbard

[7.] The following Persons were drawn Jurors for a Maritime Court — Vizt. — John Andrewes, Timothy Newell, Cornelius Thayer, Benjn. Green, Down Cheever, Edward Tuckerman

Passed upon Edmund Rangers State Account amo. to £
as p Copy on

Passed upon John Daffron State Account amt. to £ 502 — as p Copy on file

Passed upon Henry Robys State Account amt. to £ 2552–8– as p Copy on file —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 29, 1780 Present:

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 3d. 1781 Present Messrs. Fellows, Dorr, Price, Hubbard.

The Clerk is directed to call upon Mr. Tuder for a Memorial to the General Assembly relative to Taxes paid in several Towns he having offer'd his Service for that purpose

Mr. Price a Committee to ask the Governor whether he has determined respecting the Wall at the South entrance of the Town

Petition from Mead & Weatherby, to be considered at the next Meeting.

Passed upon Jotham Hortons State Account amountg as by Copy to £832 .. 17 —

The Town Clerk directed to draw an Order on Town Treasurer for Six thousand Dollars, payable to John Scollay Esqr. as Chairman of the Selectmen being the amount of Milage of Sixty Men raised by this Town & now rec^{d}. to Join the Continental Army as p a late resolve of the General Court —

Order was accordingly drawn —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 8, 1781 Present Messrs. Fellows, Dorr, Mackay, Price, Frazier —

Mem^{o}. Deacon Simpkins had possession of Hubbards Shop so called from May 1778. & delivered possession to M^{r}. Stimpson from whom he received the Key — the 5th of August 1780.

[8.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 10th. 1781 Present Messrs. Dorr. Hubbard, Mackay. Frazier, Scollay —

Joseph Harrington of Weston, applys to the Selectmen to hire a peece of the Towns Land on the Neck, for the purpose of Erecting a Dwelling House and a Coopers Shop for the carrying on the business of a Cooper.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 15. 1781 A. M. Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Price, Mackay, Fellows, Frazier, Hubbard —

The Selectmen were informed by some of D^{r}. Coopers Society that one or more Persons on Satturday Night broke into the Meeting House & stole the Pulpit Cushion & committed other Damage & outrages in the Town and desired that enquiry might be made of the Town Watch Tavern keepers &c. in order to make discovery of the offenders —

The Selectmen this Day gave into the Secretaries Office a particular Account of the bounty paid the 6 & 3 Months Men raised the last Summer for the Continental Army amounting to £154 " 507 " 18 — And also the Cart & Expence on 11 Horses purchased the last Summer, agreable to a Resolve of the General Court amounting to £11, 369 — the whole £165 " 876 " 18 — in order to the same being deducted out of the Towns Taxes as by said Resolve — Mem^{o}. a minute of the above was given into Col^{o}. Daws are of the Towns Representatives, to see that we have the said Sum deducted from our next Tax —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 15. 1781, P.M. Present Messrs. Dorr, Mackay, Price, Mackay, Frazier, Scollay —

Deacon Jones & a number of Taverners attended & were examined, relative to the Company at their Houses on Satturday Night last —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 1781 — Present Messrs. Dorr. Fellows, Mackay. Hubbard

A Petition relative to Taxes drawn up by Col°. Tuder was handed into Mr. Rowe in order to be presented the General Court

Mr. Mead & Witherel, Petition for leave to erect a Building on the Neck was read & considered, — and the Petitioners have leave to withdraw the same —

[9.] Joseph Harrington of Weston, Request was considered, relative to hiring the Towns Land on the Neck &c. when it was determined not to allow him to build thereon, his Request minuted the 10 of Jany. Inst.

The Town Clerk directed to apply to Treasurer Jeffries for an Account of the Towns Rent, 1773 —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 19, 1781 — Present Messrs. Scollay Mackay Price Dorr —

Town Clerk directed to issue a Warrant for Town Meeting Monday next 4 O'Clock Afternoon —

Messrs. Edes & Sons had the printing of the Notifications for Town Meeting —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 22d. 1781 Present Messrs. Scollay, Fellows, Mackay, Hubbard, *Dorr;* Price,

Deacon Smith, Mr. Barrel & others attended, and desired a further enquiry relative to the Outrages the Satturday Night before last —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 24, 1781 — Messrs. Dorr, Scollay, Mackay, Hubbard, Fellows, Frazier,

Passed upon William Homers State Acco^t. amounting as by Copy on file to £ 592 —

Passed upon George Ridgways State Acco^t. amounting as by Copy on file £ 174. 6 —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 29, 1781 — Present Messrs. Dorr, Mackay, Fellows, Price, Scollay, Frazier.

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 31, 1781. Present Mess. Dorr, Hubbard, Scollay, Frazier, Price, Mackay.

The Selectmen directed the Clerk to allow the Schoolmasters, on the Sum Voted by the Town for their Salary 95 p. d.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 7, 1781 — Present Messrs. Dorr, Fellows, Scollay, Mackay, Price, Hubbard.

Town Clerk directed to give the Collectors of Taxes a Certificate for the Assessors, that the Selectmen have no objection to the Books being delivered them for the present Tax.

Mr. R. W. Stimpson delivered up the Key for the Store he hired the 5 of this Month.

[10.] Mr. Nazro directed to desire Mr. May the Hay weigher to attend at the Selectmens Chamber next Wednesday —

Messrs. Coolidge to have the refusal of the Store lately let to

M^r. Stimpson at 60 £ Silver & Gold p Annum they to make the necessary Repairs at their own charge —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 14, 1781 — Present Messrs. Fellows, Dorr, Price, Hubbard, Mackay, Scollay, Frazier. —

A Return of the prises of Indian Corn, Beef, Sheeps Wool & Sole Leather, agreable to the requirement of the General Assembly was given in to M^r. Cranch & others a Committee of the Court as p Copy on file.

The several Bakers to be desired by M^r. Nazro to attend at the Selectmens Chamber Wednesday next, relative to an assize on Bread —

Capt. Fellows desired to view the Shoes at M^r. Clarks' and if approves of them, to send as many of them as will make up the Towns proportion to the Committee for receiving them —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 21, 1781. Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Frazier, Mackay, Price.

M^rs. Abigail Harriot Widowe, recommended to be admitted a Retailer at her Shop in Fore Street which had been Licensed the present Year M^rs. Young who had a License for said Shop being lately removed —

M^r. Price appointed to confer with D^r. Warren relative to encrochments made on the Common, by those who have buried the Persons dying in the Continental Hospital —

Passed upon M^r. Jonathan Balchs State Account amounting to £ 274 — as p Copy to be received —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 26, 1781 — Present Messrs. Dorr, Mackay, Frazier, Price, Scollay.

Passed upon sundry Accounts —

Passed upon Philip Richardsons State Account amount^g as p. Copy on file to £ 19" 6' 8 —

[11.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 28, 1781 — Present, Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Price, Mackay,

A Letter sent the Selectmen of Hingham as p a Copy on file

The Town Clerk directed to issue a Warrant to the Constables to Notify without printed Notifications a Town Meeting on March 5^t. 10. O Clock Before noon —

The Town Clerk directed to publish in the Papers a Notification of the said Meeting provided the Printers make no charge to the Town for printing the same

Agreed with M^r. Tukesbury for the Rent of Deer Island for the present Year at £. 50 — p Annum Specie or the exchange

M^r. Hubbard acquaints the Selectmen that the Governor gives leave that the Selectmen take down as much of the Brick work at the Fortification as they shall Judge proper —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 2^d. 1781 Present Messrs. Mackay, Price, Frazier —

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen March 3d. 1781 Present Mess. Scollay, Dorr —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 7, 1781 — Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Price, Hubbard —

Jurors drawn —

Ordered that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting — March 12th. —

Voted, that Mr. Gill — have the printing of the Notifications for Town Meeting —

Voted, that Mr. Scollay, and Mr. Price be a Commee. to wait on the Revd. Mr. Eckley and desire him to open the Town Meeting with Prayer —

Mr. Scollay Represented, that the Money Collected for Mr. Patterson at the Town Meeting the 5th. of March in consideration of the wounds he received the 5 of March 1770 from Prestons Party, amounted to £ 326″ 15′ 4. Old Money & 4/ & ½ hard Money —

Mr. Scollay was desired to retain the Money belonging to Mr. Patterson, till further enquiry can be made respecting him which was accordingly done

Passed upon Capt. Samuel Lahas State Account amounting to £ 13′ 6′ 8′ as p Copy on file —

Passed upon Paul Farmers State Accounts amounting as by Copies on file to £ 32139 — 14′ 5′. & £ 235″ 3′ 9

[12.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 14, 1781. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Frazier, Mackay, Price.

The Selectmen have referr'd the consideration of the Petitions for a License, to sell at Auction untill the Board is filled up —

Mr. Edward Green as Superintendent gives his Receit for 25 Blankets for the use of the Recruits raised in the County of Suffolk, which Receit bears date the 2d of January 1781 — also one other Recept for 72 Blankets, dated the 8th. of January 1781 both of which are on the file of mix'd Papers — see March 28th.

An Order drawn on the Keeper of the Almshouse, to receive one Stephen Hyler into the Almshouse, he being not an Inhabitant of any Town in this State — Order dated 14th March & signed by Capt. Mackay & Mr. Dorr two of the Selectmen.

The £ 326′ 15′4 — in Old Currency & 4 / 8 ½ in Specie is delivered into the hands of Capt. Mackay one of the Selectmen as Trustee for Mr. Patterson, for whom it was Collected to be applied for his relief as he Judges proper —

The Town Clerk is directed to apply to the Assessors for a new List for the Jury Boxes, —

Mr. Price, Hubbard & the Chairman a Committee to give directions about taking down part of the Wall at the Fortification and securing the Towns Lands —

Mr. Frazier a Committee to procure a Green Cloth for the Selectmen's Table —

The Selectmen have determined to meet at Monday Afternoon, & to propose to the Overseers & Justices a Walk or Visitation of the Town as soon it can be done with convenience.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 19, 1781. Present Messrs. Dorr, Hubbard.

Met with Justices and Overseers in order to agree upon a Walk or Visitation of the Town.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 21, 1781. Present, Messrs. Scollay, Fellows, Dorr, Price, Frazier, Hubbard.

Town Clerk directed to issue a Warr^{t}. for Town Meeting for the choice of Governor Lt. Governor & Six Senators.

[**13.**] M^{r}. to have the printing the Notifications —

M^{r}. Price & M^{r}. Hubbard a Committee to wait on the Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Clark to desire him to open the Meeting with Prayer.

Adjourned to Fryday next 3. OClock then to consider and act upon the Petitions for the Licenses to sell by publick Auction — Overseers &^{c}. made return as by Copy on file.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 22^{d}. 1781 Present Mess: Price, Frazier, Mackay, Hubbard —

The following Persons were drawn Jurors for a Maritime Court — Viz^{t}.

M^{r}. William Payne
Capt. William Brown
Capt. Samuel Downe
Cornelius Thayer
Bossinger Foster
William Sherburne

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 23^{d}. 1781 — Present Messrs. Scollay, Fellows, Dorr, Mackay, Hubbard, Price, Frazier,

The Selectmen entred upon the consideration of the several Petitions for being Licensed as Auchtioneers, when the following Persons were Licensed by them — Viz^{t}. —

Messrs. Russel & Clap
William Greanleaff
Procter & Lowell
Hinckley & Parkman
Fellows & Pierpoint
William & John Gooch

The Town Clerk is directed to draw the Bonds & Certificates as directed in the Law relative to Auchtioneers.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 24, 1781 Present Messrs. Scollay, Fellows, Dorr, Frazier, Mackay, Hubbard

William Greanleaff Esqr. a new Elected Auchtioneer proposed Samuel Ehot Junr. & Daniel Bell Merchants as his Bondsmen —

Messrs. Procter & Lowell proposed Capt. William Brown & Nathan Brailsford Gentlemen as their Bondsmen

[**14.**] Mess: Fellows & Pierpoint proposed Caleb Davis Esqr. & Edward Tuckerman Gentlemen, for their Bondsmen as Auctioneers

Mess: Russell & Clap proposed Joseph Callender & James Lamb for their Bondsmen, as Auctioneers

Messrs. Parkman & Hinckley proposed Jonathan Stoddard Gentlemen & Benjamin Gorham Mercht. for their Bondsmen as Auchtioneers —

Messrs. William & John Gooch proposed Ebenezer Dorr & Robert Davis Gentlemen, for their Bondsmen as Auchtioneers —

The forenamed Gentlemen having proposed their respective Bondsmen for complying with the Order of Court as Auchtioneers which were approved of by the Selectmen — The Town Clerk was directed to deliver Certificates to said Auctioneers upon their Bonds being executed —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 28th 1781 —

Present Messrs. Scollay, Fellows, Dorr, Dorr, Price, Mackay, Hubbard

The Selectmen affixed the Town Rents the 10 of February last as by their Memo. on file — Vizt.

John Boyes, Store -	£40 -	hard Money or Money equivolent
James Cazneau - -	20 - - - -	do.
Messrs. Coolidges from Feby. 7 - - - -	60 - - - -	do. they to repair —
Samuel Breck - - -	75 - - - -	do.
Mr. Jepsons Shop -	3 - - - -	do.
Elisha Adlingtons -	2 - - - -	do.
Mr. Walkers Shop -	2 - - - -	do.
Thomas Moulens - -	8 - - - -	do.
George Roulston - -	12 - - - -	do.
Deer Island - - -	50 to commence from experation of last Lease —	

The Stalls to pay the Exchange on the Original Rent —

Hay Engine - - - - -	£24
North Battery Wharff - -	12
Town House Cellars —	
Granary Cellars —	

[15.] Lemuel Kollock gives the Selectmen a Receit for Ninety seven Blankets, which were delivered Mr. Green whose Receits was entred March 14 — — Kollocks Receit on file — bearing date March 19th. — 1780 —

The Selectmen have agreed to consider the Watchmens pay, next Wednesday —

Passed upon a number of Accounts —

Mr. Samuel Brown, appointed a Watchman — some time since, for Constable Edmunds Watch —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 4. 1781 —

Present Messrs. Dorr, Hubbard, Scollay, Fellows, Price, Mackay.

The Selectmen having considered the application of the Watchmen for an advance of Wages on account of the depreciation of the Currency it was determined that the Constables of the Watch, have forty shillings p month & the Men belonging to the Watch 30/ p month Silver Money or Paper equivilent, — and that the Town Clerk govern himself accordingly in all future drafts —

Mr. William Foster applys for liberty to take the Ground thrown up by the Enemy round the Blacksmiths Shop at the bottom of the Common — whereupon Capt. Fellows was impowered to permit the removal as he shall Judge proper —

Mr. Nazro directed to require the attendance of the Person who has put down a Post, opposite the Governors House, without liberty first obtained of the Selectmen

The Selectmen have agreed that Mr. Nathaniel Dawes shall pay as Ground Rent for the peice of Towns Land improved by him near the Fortification Gates Six Pounds p Annum in Silver or Paper equivilent — the Rent to commence from the 1st. of December last.

Capt. Fellows appointed to enquire what will be the charge of securing the Towns Land at South end from the encroachment of the Sea, and to Report at the next Meeting —

Voted, that Thomas Daws Junr. have five Yards of Cloth it being the custom to allow the same as a Compliment for delivering an Oration on the 5th. of March —

[**16.**] Boston Ss: At the Meeting of the Selectmen April 11, 1781. Present Messrs. Dorr Price.

A Return into the Secretarys Office was made last Wednesday as the Law directs, of the remainder of Votes for Governor Lt. Governor & 6 Senators.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 18. 1781 Present Messrs. Dorr, Price Mackay, Hubbard,

The Selectmen signed a recommendation, for the licening Colo. Joshua Davis as an Inholder, for his House at the South end

Capt. Patrick Conner, attended by requirement, and was heard *relative* to the Post he had erected near his House, whereupon it was Voted, that said Post should remain untill the further orders of the Selectmen.

Joseph Payson, Jacob Goold & Ephraim Thayer, were admitted Engine Men in the Company of Capt. Curtis of Engine N. 8 —

Mr. Thompson Silk Dyer, entred a complaint against Colo. Hatch for an encroachment on Pond Lane, by a Building he is erecting — The Selectmen agreed to view said Building to morrow Morning 9. O Clock —

Mr. Nazro directed to notify Mr. Rowe Brimmer & Colo. Hatch, of the foregoing Vote —

Benjamin Cooper recommended to the General Court as a suitable Person to keep a Tavern at his House in Fish Street also Mr. Thomas Beals at his House near the Market —

Passed upon Richard Boyntons State Account, amounting to £ 4. 2. 8 — Specie —

Mr. Boyce having applied to the Selectmen for an abatemt. on his Rent for the Shop he hires — the Selectmen after considering his request determined. that no abatement should be made him as they apprehended, it was even below the common rate of Rents.

The Selectmen have agreed that the Rent of the Engine House for weighing Hay, should be fixed at £24 — Specie p Annum —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 20, 1781 Present Messrs.

Information given by Capt. Doane of the Sloop Fox that the Small Pox had been on board since he left, Martineque — whereupon the Vessel was ordered to Rainsfords Island, & the necessary orders given Capt. Laha the Keeper of the Hospital to smoke & cleanse [17.] the Vessel — two Persons on board liable to the infection was sent to the Hospital on the Island —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 25, 1781 Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Mackay, Hubbard

M^{r}. Azon Smith, Master of the North Latten School, acquaints the Selectmen by his Letter on file, that he cannot continue longer as a School Master, than he had engaged for —

The Town Clerk directed to send an Advertisement to the Thursdays Paper, that a Master is wanted for the School.

Voted, that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting Fryday next 4 O Clock Afternoon —

The Vote of the Town relative to North Battery to be taken up and acted upon the next full Meeting —

M^{r}. Fellows, Price & Hubbard to view the Room in the Manufactory house, which the General Court by a Resolve have permitted the Town to make use of as a School & Report the Order it is in —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 27, 1781 Present Messrs. Scollay, Frazier, Dorr, Fellows, Mackay, Price, Hubbard

The Town Clerk is directed to furnish M^{r}. Jones & Marstons each with a Copy of the doings of the Selectmen relative to information received of a practise of pasting up Defamotory Papers in Taverns, as the original Vote on file —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 30, 1781 Present Messrs. Dorr, Mackay, Price, Scollay, Hubbard, Fellows,

The Selectmen having view'd the Building Col^{o}. Hatch is erecting, & Finding it agreeable to the complaint, an encroachment they ordered it to be removed, & it was accordingly removed —

Passed upon a number of Accounts —

The Comm^{e}. to view the Manufactory Room Reported, whereupon they were directed to see the Room in order, to receive the Scholars

Voted, that 1/3^{d}. of Roulsten Vault be emptied at the charge of the Town —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 1781. Present Messrs.

The Collectors were sent for, & they attending, the Selectmen pressed upon them the necessity of the Beef Tax being Collected & paid in immediately, to prevent the Army from suffering —

[18.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 2d. 1781 — Present Messrs. Dorr, Price, Hubbard, Fellows, Mackay, Scollay —

Revd. Mr. Roby applied in behalf of his Son for a place of Master of the North Grammar School —

Mr. William Crossel petitions the Selectmen, that he may have said School

Mr. Lowel appointed to draw up a Bill relative to Taxes, & Mr. Price appointed a Committee to apply to him for that purpose —

Capt. Fellows appointed to give directions to Mr. Knox relative to the bounds of his Land & sinking a Drain from the Main Street into the Sea —

The Town Clerk directed to issue new Warrants, for Notefying Town Officers of their choice —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 7, 1781. Present Messrs. Dorr,

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 9, 1781 — Present Messrs. Dorr, Price, Scollay, Hubbard, Mackay, Frazier —

Majr. Andrew Brown applies by Petition for being appointed a Schoolmaster, agreable to an Advertizement in Gills last Paper.

Mr. John Perkins having been recommended to the Selectmen by a number of the Inhabitants; for liberty to erect a small Building upon Wheelers Point as a Fish Market — The Selectmen considered the matter, and granted liberty accordingly

Mr Edward Green applied for liberty to consult a Town Lawyer relative to one of the Towns Soldiers inlisted for the Continental Army — when it was determined by the Selectmen, that it did not appear to them, that it lay with the Town to furnish a Lawyer

Mr. Frazier & Hubbard, a Committee to present the Account of this Towns quota of Clothing & for the Continental Army, to the Committee on Accounts, for payment —

Voted, that Eustis have a special draft on the Treasurer for Three hundred Pounds old Currency towards purchasing Repairs for South Writing School — Ordered

The Selectmen have agreed to meet next Tuesday Afternoon to act upon the new Petitions for Licenses as Auchtioneers —

[19.] Voted, that Mr. Pierces Salary, for warning Strangers to depart the Town, cease from the 1st of May Inst. he having other business which takes up his time —

Voted, that Mr. Nazro be appointed in the room of Mr. Pierce to warn Strangers to depart this Town —

Voted, that the Town Clerk issue his Warrant for a Town Meeting for the choice of Representatives May 16th.

Voted, that Mr. Price & Capt. Fellows be a Committee to wait upon Revd. Mr. White & request his opening the Town Meeting with Prayer —

Mess: Edes & Sons — had the printing of the Notifications.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 15, 1781— Present Messrs. Dorr, Price, Scollay, Fellows, Mackay, Hubbard

This Day delivered the Bonds given by the Six Auctioneers appointed the 23d. of March last, agreable to a Resolve of the General Estate, into the Treasurers Office of this Commonwealth —

The Selectmen entered upon the consideration of the several Petitions for licenses as Auchtioneers, when the following Persons were approved of by them —

Vizt. —

Messrs: William Newman never taken out
Martin Bicker
Nathl. Pierce
Green Clarke & Hunter
Youncey & Cudworth
Daniel Parker & Son
John Kneeland
John Badger
Thomas Ruggles

The Town Clerk is directed to draw the Bonds & Certificates as directed in the Law relative to Auchtioneers — see Augt. 29th.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 18, 1781 — Present Scollay, Price Frazier, Hubbard —

Mr. Nathaniel Pierce proposed Mr. Stephen Bruce & Mr. Tristnam Coffin as Bondsmen for him as an Auchtioneer — who which were accordingly approved of by the Selectmen —

Messrs. Clark & Compy. propose Samuel Brown Mercht. & William Cunningham Gentleman for their Bondsmen as Auchtioneer — which were approved of

[20.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 23d 1781. Present Mess: Dorr, Price, Mackay, Frazier, Scollay —

Mr. Thomas Ruggles a new elected Auchtioneer, proposed Samuel & William Ruggles Merchants for his Bondsmen — which were approved of —

Mr. Martin Bricker a new elected Auchtioneer proposes Mr. Enoch Brown Mercht. & Mr. Daniel Jones Gentlemen for his Bondsmen — which were approved of —

Mr. John Badger a new elected Auchtioneer proposes John Leach Schoolmaster & Thomas Leach Founder for his Bondsmen — which were approved of —

Capt. John Pulling Petitions the Selectmen that he may have a License to sell Goods as an Auchtioneer —

Mr. Isaac Read of Lexington applies to the Selectmen for the place of Master of the North Grammar School —

Mr. Dorr appointed to apply to Mr. Robey for the Glazing the Windows in the School house Room at the Manufactory.

Mr. Mackay & Dorr a Committee to view the Land Mr. Welch would improve, opposite Snow Street in Prince Street.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 28, 1781. Present Messrs. Dorr, Scollay, Price, Mackay, Hubbard, Frazier —

Daniel Parker & Son proposed last Week, Jeremiah Bumted &

James Bayley for his Bondsmen as Auchtioneer — which were approved of —

Messrs. John & Benjamin Coolidge applies for a License as an Auchtioneer.

Messrs. Edwd. Powers & John Ingersoll, applies for a License as an Auchtioneer.

The Selectmen have agreed to consider the new Petitions for Licenses Next Thursday 4 OClock Afternoon.

M^{r}. Nazro is directed to notify the new Auchtioneers, that it is expected they qualify themselves according to Law by next Thursday 4 O'Clock Afternoon, when the Selectmen meet to consider & determine upon the new Applications for Licenses —

[**21.**] M^{r}. Newman appointed to keep the North Church Clock in repair, in the room of M^{r}. Peck who has had the charge of it —

The Town Clerk directed to notify in the present draughts that the Accounts are to be paid in Silver or Gold or Current Money equivilent —

Passed upon a number of Accounts —

The Clerk is to draw in favor of M^{r}. James Carter an omission in draught of February last, of £–11–9^{d} Specie and for Edward Ireland - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 5– d^{o}
M^{r}. Edmonds - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 3–

William Augustus Williams applies to the Selectmen for an appointment as Master of the North Grammar School.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 31, 1781 Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Price, Mackay, Hubbard,

The Selectmen entred upon the consideration of several Petitions for licenses as Auctioneers, when the following Persons were approved of. Viz^{t}. —

Mess: Edward Powers & John Ingersoll
John Pulling
John & Benjamin Coolidge, not took out.

True Kimble offers himself as a Schoolmaster for the North Lattin School —

Rev^{d}. Nathan Davis applies to be Master of the North Grammar School, by a Letter on file —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 2^{d}. 1781 Present Scollay, Price, Mackay, Hubbard —

M^{r}. Robert Bell late of Pensylvania, now a Resident in Boston, applid for a License as an Auchtioneer, & proposed M^{r}. Gill & Capt. Gray as his Bondsmen who were approved of by the Selectmen —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 6, 1781 Present Messrs. Dorr, Price, Mackay, Scollay,

Voted, that M^{r}. Nazro have a draft for £ 5–6–8 p Quarter Specie for his Services —

M^{r}. Wallace is to ask six pence specie p day for the Stands in the Market Square sent

[22.] The Town Clerk directed to issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting for the choice of a Representative in the name of the Honble. Samuel Adams Esq. chosen Senator — agreeable to a precept received for that purpose

Nathan Jennison & John Griggs are appointed Watchmen in Constable Bakers Watch S^o^. End

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 13, 1781 Present Messrs. Dorr, Mackay, Frazier, Scollay, Price

A Return was made & signed by the Selectmen the Precept, for the choice of a Representative in the room of the Honble. Samuel Adams Esq. chosen a Senator — the Return delivered John Rowe Esqr.

Elenor Boyles a State Poor in a suffering condition was sent to the Alms house to be there supported at the charge of this Commonwealth — Order signed by M^r^. Dorr & Frazier and dated June 9th.

Messrs. Nathl. Cudworth & James Yancey propose Joseph Ford Gentleman & Perah Morton Esq. for their Bondsmen as an Auchtioneer — which were approved of by the Selectmen

Capt. John Pulling proposes, Jonathan Stoddard Gentleman & Robert Hitchburne Gentleman for his Bondsmen as an Auchtioneer — which were approved of by the Selectmen —

Col^o^. Henley acquaints the Selectmen that several Tombs are open in the Burying Ground near the Chappel, and that the Wall requires some repairs —

Col^o^. Procter, Rowe & Edes, in the Name and on behalf of those who have Children at the North Latten School, attended at the Selectmens Chamber, and pray'd that M^r^. Nathan Davis might be appointed Master of said School, in the room of M^r^. Smith, who has resigned his place as Master —

M^r^. John Kneeland proposes John Grenough Esq. Merch^t^. & John Simkins Gentleman for his Bondsmen as Auchtioneers who were approved of by the Selectmen.

Messrs. Edward Powers & John Ingersol Gentleman propose John Ingersol Founder & Gyles Alexander Merch^t^. as their Bondsmen — who were approved of by the Selectmen.

[23.] M^r^. Nathan Davis appointed by the Selectmen Master of the North Grammar School, in the room of M^r^. Smith who has lately resigned his place as Master — he the said Davis having been recommended by the Ministers of the Town, and a considerable number of the Inhabitants of the North part of the Town, whose Children attend said School —

The Selectmen have agreed that the Fishermen who improve the Boxes on Dock Square, pay M^r^. Wallace the Clerk of the Market four Shillings in specie p. Month to commence the 1st. of June Instant sent

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 20. 1781 Present Messrs. Dorr, Frazier, Price, Hubbard, Mackay, Scollay,

A resolve of the General Court for compleating the number of Men for the Continental Army was laid before the Selectmen & by them delivered to Col^o^. Procter —

Mr. Jones the Sexton that has the care of the Church burying Ground, was sent for and informed, that complaint had been made that several Tombs were open & proved offensive to the Neighborhood — whereupon Mr. Jones assured the Selectmen that those Tombs should be well covered —

It is Ordered by the Selectmen, that the Rent of the Stalls in Faneuil Hall Market be as follows — Vizt.—

N. 1.	£ — 12–6d. hard Money or other Current money equivelent p. M. to commence from the 3d. of July next	
2 - - -	10–10	p ditto - - - - do.
3 - - -	12–6	p ditto
4 - - -	12–6	p ditto
5 - - -	12–6	p ditto Memo. 50 p ct. abated
6 - - -	12–6	p ditto
7 - -	1 - -	p ditto
8 - -	1 - -	p ditto
9 - -	1 - -	p ditto
10 - -	" 19–2	p ditto
11 - -	1 - -	p ditto
12 - -	1 - -	p ditto
13 - -	" 19–2	p ditto
14 - -	1 " - -	p ditto
15 - -	1 " - -	p ditto
16 - -	1 " - -	p ditto
17 - - -	12–6	p ditto
18 - - -	12–6	p ditto
19 - - -	12–6	p ditto
20 - - -	12–6	p ditto
21 - - -	10–10	p ditto
22 - - -	12–6	p ditto July 3d. 1782
	£ 17–5–6 —	

[24.] Mr. Nazro directed to enquire of Messrs. Farrington & Davis howe they have disposed of the Bricks at the Fortification & Report to the Selectmen.

It is Agreed by the Selectmen to attend the Visitation of the Schools on Wednesday the 11th. Day of July next & that a Dinner be provided as usual —

The Clerk directed to notify the Masters of the time set for the visitation —

Mr. Nazro directed to desire the attendance of William Parkman next Wednesday

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 21. 1781 Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Price, Mackay, Hubbard, Frazier.

Mr. John Vinal appointed Master of the South writing School —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Select Men June 25th. 1781. Present Scollay, Dorr, Price, Hubbard

Several of the Gentlemen Overseers attended & desired it may

be inserted in the Notification for the next Town Meeting that the Poor in the Almshouse are in the most distress'd situation wanting every Kind of Necessaries for their Support

Adjourned to to Morrow .. 11 O'Clock Forenoon —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 26. 1781 Present Messrs. Dorr, Mackay, Price, Scollay —

It is agreed by the Selectmen that Jonas Welch, have a small strip of the Towns Land in Prince Street, as by a Vote of the Town at a late Meeting they are permitted to dispose of it to him, for thirty five Dollars — Specie —

Town Clerk directed to issue a Warrant for calling a Town Meeting Thursday next. 3 O'Clock Afternoon

M^{r}. Nazro directed to deliver the Notifications for the Meeting to each of the Constables —

Boston, Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 26, 1781. Present Messrs. Price, Mackay, Hubbard, Dorr, Scollay, Frazier.

The Masters of the Fire Engines applies to the Selectmen [**25.**] for a Resolve to be passed in the General Court similar to the one which has been repealed by the late Militia Act

Passed upon a number of Accounts —

Capt. Mackay & M^{r}. Dorr a Committee to view the ground on which Capt. Pulling is erecting a Building —

Passed upon John Jones State Account amounting to £ 2–4 — Specie as by Copy on file —

Passed upon John Fullertons State Account am^{a} as by Copy on file to fourteen Shillings & 5^{d} Specie —

Boston, Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 4, 1781. Present, Mess. Dorr, Price, Mackay, Hubbard, Scollay. Frazier —

M^{r}. Dorr, Capt. Mackay, a Committee to view the Place on which M^{r}. Makepeace desires to erect a Building & Report to the Selectmen —

Boston, Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 6, 1781. Present Messrs. Dorr, Price, Mackay, Scollay, Hubbard.

M^{r}. John Jones, Sexton of Trinity Church, Appointed to ring the Old South Bell at one O'Clock & 9 o'clock.

The Committee to consider M^{r}. Makepeaces proposal of erecting a Building over the Creek. Reported, that his proposal cannot be approved of by the Selectmen the Mill Owners being the proper Persons for him to apply to as the Committee apprehend.

Deacon Tuder & Gyles Harris, Thomas Daws Esq^{rs}. are requested to view the Towns Interest at the North Battery, and Report what they apprehend to be the value thereof —

M^{r}. Hemmingway to be desired to attend the Board next Wednesday Seven night —

M^{r}. William Parkman, is directed to attend the Selectmen next Wednesday Seven night to be enquired of relative to the Street said to be opened by him to clear a drain which has been left unrepaired —

[26.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 7. 1781 Present Mess: Dorr, Fellows, Mackay, Price, Hubbard, Frazier, Scollay

The Selectmen met and entered upon the business Assigned them by a late Resolve of the General Court for Classing the Delinquents —

Adjourned to Monday Morning 10. O Clock

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 9, 1781 Present Messrs. Mackay, Fellows, Scollay, Frazier, Dorr, Hubbard,

The following Persons were chosen Jurors for a Mariteme Court the 17 of July Viz^{t} —

Messrs. James Bayley
Lemuel Cravath
William Shattuck
William Payne-Miller
Capt Benj. Cobb
Archibald McNiel

Finished the Business of Classing —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 7. [11] A.M. Present Scollay, Fellows Dorr Frazier Mackay Price Hubbard

Met the Company & proceeded from the Hall on the Visitation of the Schools —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 11, 1781 P.M. Present Scollay Frazier, Fellows Dorr Price

On the Visitation of the Schools it appeared, that

The South Grammar School had - - - - - - -	91 -	Scholars
The North Grammar School had - - - - - - -	39 -	ditto
The Writing School in Queen Street had - - - -	270 -	ditto
The Writing School at the North end - - - -	271 -	ditto

all in good Order —

A Return was made by the Selectmen to the Colonel of the Boston Regiment & other Militia Officers of said Regiment of such Persons as were Delinquents in the Classes for procuring this Towns proportion of Men for the Continental Army, Classed by the Selectmen anew agreeable to a Resolve of the General Assembly for that purpose passed the 5 of July Ins^{t}.

[27.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 1781 Present Messrs. Scollay, Price, Mackay, Hubbard, Dorr

Met upon the Business of Classing Delinquents

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 25, 1781 Present Messrs. Mackay, Price, Hubbard, Dorr, Scollay, Frazier—

M^{r}. Jacob Holland, applied to the Selectmen for liberty to open a Drain from his House in Middle street, in order to clear His Cellar of Water —

Liberty was granted on condition that the Ground & pavement should be made good to the approbation of the Selectmen —

Mr. William Parkman attended, as required, and was told by the Selectmen, that it was expected he should make good the Ground and Pavement, in which case no advantage would be taken of his breaking Ground, without liberty first obtained of the Selectmen —

Mr. Andrew Brimmer applied to the Selectmen for liberty to open a Drain near his House in Cornhill in order to free his Cellar from Water —

Liberty was granted on condition that the Ground and Pavement shall be restored to the approbation of the Selectmen —

Agreed to visit Rainsfords Island, Wednesday next — being the 1'. of August —

A Letter was wrote Colo. Daws desiring to know from him whether the Money paid by the Town to the Continental Soldiers & for Horses has been deducted out of the Towns Tax — see the 15. of Jany last in this Minute Book the particulars —

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread for direction to the Bakers & Clerks of the Market, be as follows — Vizt

	lb.	oz.	dr.
a 4d. white Loaf to weigh - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1–	0–	0
a 2– white Bisket — do. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	–	8–	–
a 4d. brown Loaf — do. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1–	6–	–

[28.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 30, 1781 Present Messrs. Dorr, Mackay, Hubbard, Price, Scollay, Fellows —

Colo. Daws made return relative to the bounty Money deducted out of the Town Tax, Horses &c. as on file — see 25th. July —

Thomas Sanderson alias Black Tom, appointed to ring the old South Bell at the hours of one & nine OClock —

Selectmen passed upon some accounts —

Selectmen approved of Margaret Johonnot being an Inholder in the room of her Husband, John Johonnot decesd.

And of Morris Keith being Licensed to the House. he has removed to in Fish Street —

Edward Greens two Recepts for Milage Money received of Mr. Scollay amounting to 4173 old Dollars dated Jany. 4. & 8. 1781 — placed on the files —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 3. 1781 — Present Scollay, Price, Frazier, Hubbard —

Capt. Laha Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island, having Reported that a Cartel from Halifax Capt. Welch was brought too at said Island with the Small Pox on board — four Persons having the Distemper out and ten Inoculated — whereupon —

Orders were given Capt. Laha to receive such Persons into the Hospital as have the Distemper, and that such as are liable to the Distemper must be taken into the Well house — that the Vessel Bedding Clothing and every thing liable to infection well smoked & cleansed and to Report the same to the Selectmen that they must be sufficiently smoked & cleansed & a new suit of Clothes

procured if possible, & that when he thinks they might leave the Island with safety he might do it —

[29.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 9. 1781 Present Messrs. Dorr, Mackay, Scollay, Frazier,

M^{r}. Matthew Nazro having been some time since appointed to make enquiry after Strangers, had Orders given him for that purpose, which were dated the 29^{t}. of July last —

The Town Clerk directed to draw in favor of Isaac Pierce, 2/8 being so much short cash in last May Draught

Voted, That M^{r}. Jones have the approbation of the Selectmen for a license as an Inholder — the Selectmen having his assurance that his utmost endeavors will not be wanting to prevent any breaches of the Law for regulation of Taverns

The Selectmen have agreed, to meet at their Chamber Monday next 9 OClock in order to proceed to the North School for the induction of M^{r}. Nathan Davis as Master of the North Lattin School —

The Town Clerk is to write out an extract of the Law relative to Taverners in order to be sent to the Tavern keepers —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 13th. 1781 A.M. Present Messrs. Dorr, Scollay, Price, Mackay, Frazier,

The Town Clerk directed to issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting next Thursday 3. OClock. A.M.

The Selectmen met agreable to appointment & then proceeded to the North Grammar School, in order, to Induct the Rev^{d}. Nathan Davis as Master of said School agreable to the usual practise of the Selectmen on such occasions —

The Committee appointed to view the Town Interest at the North Battery & Report what they apprehend to be the value thereof — Reported the value to be £2000 — Specie

Giles Harris Esq. dissented & gave in writing that in his opinion said Estate was worth £3000 — Specie, Reports on file

[30.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 13. 1781 P.M. Present Messrs. Dorr, Price, Mackay, Hubbard, Frazier —

Passed upon Licenses again — see Augt. 29

Boston Ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 15. 1781. Present Messrs. Dorr, Mackay, Hubbard, Scollay —

The following Persons were drawn Jurors for a Maritime Court to be held 21^{t}. Ins^{t}. — Viz^{t} —

Capt. John Langden
Deacon Tim^{o}. Newell
M^{r}. David Bell
M^{r}. John Wells
Capt. Manesseth Martin
M^{r}. Asa Stoddard

M^{r}. Andrew Johonnot approved of & recommended for a License to retail at his Shop in Newbury Street —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 16, 1781. Present Messrs. Fellows, Dorr, Hubbard.

M^{r}. Collector Shaw proposes Col^{o}. Procter & M^{r}. Samuel Parkman, as his Bondsmen for the faithful discharge of his trust —

M^{r}. Collector Sumner proposes Jonathan Stoddard & John Coolidge Gentlemen as his Bondsmen for the faithful discharge of his trust —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, August 20, 1781 Present Messrs. Scollay, Price, Hubbard Frazier —

Capt. John Ballard approbated as an Inholder for his House in Fish Street to which he has lately removed —

M^{r}. Watts approbated as a Retailer for his Shop near the Swing Bridge —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 22^{d}. 1781. Present Messrs. Dorr, Hubbard, Frazier Scollay.

Thomas Bayley proposes M^{r}. James Bayley Gentleman & M^{r}. Ephraim Copeland Gentleman for his Bondsmen as Collector.

[**31.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 27, 1781. Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Frazier, Price, Mackay, Hubbard, Fellows,

The Selectmen agreable to a Vote of the Town for that purpose have appointed M^{r}. Price to arange the Returns of the Continental Army in order to assertain this Towns proportion of Men

The Selectmen approve of the Bondsmen offered by the Collectors, Sumner, Shaw & Bayley, (see other side)

And the Town Clerk is directed to see their Bonds executed, & deliver their respective Certificates for obtaining the Tax Books, of the Assessors —

Capt. Fellows & M^{r}. Price, & M^{r}. Scollay appointed a Committee to examine into the Bounds of the Towns Land in Beach Street and determine how the Fences shall be erected on the Easterly side of the Land lately leased to Wheeler & Price.

The Lease was delivered the Chairman M^{r}. Scollay —

M^{r}. Thompson proposes his old Bondsmen. Capt. Waters & Col^{o}. Waters — for his Bondsmen the present Year as Collector of Taxes, — who were approved of by the Selectmen —

The Selectmen agreed upon the Gentlemen to be invited to accompany them to Deer Island Fryday next Boat to set off from the Town Dock, Company to meet at the Selectmens Chamber 8. O Clock —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen. August 29, 1781 — Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Hubbard, Price.

The Selectmen having acted upon the List of Taverners and Retailers for the last Year see August 13 the same was returned to Ezekiel Price Esqr. Clerk of the Sessions with the doings of the Selectmen thereon, as by Copy on file — they afterwards considered the Petitions presented when the following Persons were approbated by the Selectmen. Viz^{t}. —

Francis Butler - -	Retailer	at his Store North Street
Susannah Clark - -	Ditto -	at Charter Street
Ebenezer May - -	Ditto -	South End
John May - - - -	Ditto -	Ditto
Elisha Avery - - -	Ditto -	Newbury Street
Gustavus Fellows -	Ditto -	North side the Dock
Mary Roulston - -	Ditto -	at the Orange Tree
[32.] Abiel Ruddock	Ditto -	near Winnisimet Ferry
Daniel Parker - - -	Ditto -	at Distill house New Boston
Rebecca Lovering -	Ditto -	at Congress Street
Mary Tucker - - -	Ditto -	at North Lattin School Street
Samuel Holland - -	Ditto -	near Dr. Eliots Meeting house
Lemuel Cravath - -	Ditto -	So. End near Market
William Bennet - -	Ditto -	near Town House
Mary McKown - -	Ditto -	at entrance of Long Wharff
Samuel Smith - -	Ditto -	at Shop near Boston Stone
Isabella Tate - - -	Ditto -	at her Shop Blackhorse Lane
William Dodd - -	Ditto -	Fish Street
Henry Foye - - -	Inholder -	in Ann Street
Robert Stainsby - -	Ditto -	Tattle Street
William Stackpole -	Retailer -	King Street
Hannah Young - -	Ditto -	Dr. Eliots
Edmond Mayfield -	Ditto -	the end of Long Wharff
Timothy White - -	Ditto -	Concert Street
Jane Johnson - -	Ditto -	Battery March
Sarah Lepear - - -	Ditto -	the Side of Mill Creek
John Mois - - - -	Ditto -	Head of Long Lane

Complaint having been made by a number of the Respectable Inhabitants, that some Tavern keepers in this Town permit or suffer the playing of unlawful Games & other Disorders in their Houses, — a Warning & caution was given to nine Tavern-keepers, — as p Copy on file —

Mr. Scollay, Mr. Price, & Mr. Hubbard a Commee. to enquire into the Towns Right to part of the Land, taken in by Capt. Hall near his House.

Lindsey G. Wallace Clerk of Faneuil Hall Market, allowed by the Selectmen £ 7. 10 Specie p Quarter, or Current Money equivelent

Matthew Nazro, allowed by the Selectmen ten pounds p Quarter, including extra Services, for his attendance on the Selectmen &c. — to be paid Specie or Current Money equivilent.

Mr. Price appointd. a Commee. to confer with the Representatives of the Town relative to an amendment or addition to the Law relative to the Assize of Bread —

[33.] The following Persons having been approbated by the Selectmen as Auchtioneers for the Town of Boston Vizt. — were Licensed

Mr. Thomas Ruggles
Messrs. Daniel Parker Senr. & Junr.
Mr. Martin Bickers
Mr. Nathaniel Pierce

Messrs. Hunter & Green
M^{r}. John Badger
Messrs. Powers & Ingersol
M^{r}. Robert Bell
Capt. John Pullen
M^{r}. Kneeland

Bonds were given by them agreable to the Resolve of the General Court, and the Bonds were sent to the Treasurer of this Commonwealth p M^{r}. Nazro —

M^{r}. Wallace is directed to prosecute Hemmenway the Fisherman for a nusance on Dock Square

M^{r}. Nazro is directed to require the attendance of all the Sextons & others who assist in Burials, at the Selectmens Chamber next Wednesday —

Passed upon Accounts — & Draught sent to the Treasurer —

A Negro Boy named Jethro Obed, alias Dodge being sick & destitute of support, was sent to the Alms house by M^{r}. Scollay — The Selectmen being told that he belonged to the Town of Wenham, a Letter was wrote their Selectmen informing them thereof —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 31. 1781 Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Frazier, Price, Mackay, Hubbard

The Selectmen visited Deer Island, and having viewed the House & Fences, gave orders for the necessary repairs —

[**34.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 5. 1781 Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Frazier, Mackay, Hubbard, Price, Fellows

Orders were given the Sextons & others concerned in Burials in this Town, that they strictly conform to the Laws relative to Burial &^{c}. — as by Copy on file —

Settled with the Selectmen relative to Licenses granted the Auchtioneers, being 16. as by Copies on file —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 12, 1781 Present Messrs. Scollay, Fellows, Frazier, Price, Dorr —

Liberty is granted to M^{r}. Fox to take from the Beach near the Fortification so called on Boston Neck a sufficient quantity of Clay and Gravel to fill up the Land of the Town which he hires the same to be done under the direction of Capt. Fellows —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 19, 1781 Present Messrs. Dorr, Price, Hubbard, Mackay,

M^{r}. Laha Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island is permitted to procure a Fore Sail of M^{r}. Barret for the Boat —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 24, 1781 — Present Messrs. Dorr, Frazier, Price, Mackay, Hubbard —

Messrs. Yancey & Cudworth, approbated as Auchtioneers, some time past, proposed Joseph Ford Merch^{t}. & Capt. John Langdon as Bondsmen. in the room of those proposed before, *who* were accepted by the Selectmen —

The following Persons were chose Jurors for a Mariteme Court to be held the 2d. Day of October — Vizt. —

William Clough, Blacksmith
Grant Wilester
Zachariah Brigden
Josiah Snelling
John Winnet
Samuel Grenough —

Captt. Sturgis Gorham of Barnstable has liberty to improve the Towns Slip of the Wharff near the Market for one Year he paying therefor the Sum of Sixteen pounds down, otherwise at the rate of five pounds p Quarter [35.] the Rent to commence from

Mr. Matthew Nazro appointed to receive the Towns part of Vegitables raised at West Boston —

Passed upon Captt. William Mackays State Account as by Copy on file, amounting to £ 4–19–3 —

Passed upon Accounts —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 26, 1781 Present Messrs. Dorr, Price, Frazier, Fellows, Scollay, Mackay,

The Selectmen have abated Jonas Welch one pound ten Shillings in consideration of his being at the charge of turning the drain from the Land purchased of the Town —

Mr. Larson Belcher is approved of as a Bondsman for Messrs. Cudworth & Yancey Auchtioneers in the room of Captt. Ford —

The Selectmen having approved of the Bonds given by Messrs. Cudworth & Yancey, as Auchtioneers — the same was sent to the Treasurer of this Commonwealth by Mr. Nazro & License was delivered him —

George Ridgway The Master of Engine N. 6. having applied for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing their Engine to work first at the Fire which lately broke out at Captt. Crafts House Sudbury Street —

Passed upon other Accounts —

Nathaniel Green Moody approved of by the Selectmen to Retail Spirituous Liquors at his Shop in Kilby Street —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 1781 Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Frazier, Price, Mackay, Hubbard.

Mr. Nazro directed to deliver Mr. Farmer for the Almshouse 170 bushels
of Potatoes, & Mr. Sigorney for the use of the Work house — 30 bushels —
200 bushels

Mr. Sutton Master of Engine N. 7. applied to the Selectmen for liberty to resign said trust —

Susannah Edwards, & Child a poor Person sent to the Alms house to be supported at the Charge of this Commonwealth she being a Stranger & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this State.

Order signed by Mr. [36.] Dorr and Mackay & dated, this Day —

William Barrows a Stranger sent to the Alms house to be supported at the charge of this Commonwealth, Order dated this Day & signed by Mr. Scollay & Mr. Price

William Daws approbated by the Selectmen as a suitable Person to retail Spirituous Liquors at his Shop in Ann Street —

The Assessors by Mr. Ruggles and May attended, and desired advice of the Selectmen relative to their taking the opinion of some Lawyer, respecting the taxing the Non Residents who transact business in this Town — whereupon, they were advised by the Selectmen to engage Mr. Lowell & Mr. Tuder, as Lawyers at the charge of the Town

The Merchants of this Town agreable to their application have leave to make use of Faneuil Hall, for an entertainment to be given the French Officers &c. as a compliment for the protection they have chearfully given the Trade of this Commonwealth —

Voted, that the Order of the Selectmen respecting Capt. Gorham passed the 24′ Ultimo, whereby he had liberty to improve the Towns Slip of Wharff on Dock Square on certain conditions, be reconsidered, and liberty is now granted, for his improving said Slip of Wharff, for six months only, he paying therefor Five pounds p Quarter —

Mr. Nazro directed by the Selectmen to sell the Towns part of the Potatoes raised at West Boston, at 2/ p bushel

Passed Capt. Barrets State Account amounting to Fourteen pounds 2/6d. as by Copy on file —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 10, 1781 Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Fellows, Frazier, Hubbard, Mackay,

Mr. Scollay, Dorr, Frazier, & Hubbard appointed a Committee to Collect what is due from Brookers Donation —

The Town Treasurer is to be informed, that the Selectmen desire an account of the Town Rents, what is now due &c., & this immediately —

[37.] Mr. Joel Cushing appointed Master of Engine No. 7 in the room of Mr. William Sutten who has resigned that trust on account of his ill State of health —

Capt. Fellows appointed to examine the Chimney of Mr. Harris's Bakehouse & Report the State thereof to the Selectmen —

Mr. Dorr & Capt. Mackay a Committee to enquire relative to the new Schools, advertizd to be soon opened

The Clerk directed to write the Selectmen of Ipswich acquainting them a Negro Boy named Jettero, born at Ipswich but had lived some time with Mr. Dodge of Wenham, is now sick in our Alms house & that a considerable expense will accrue to the Town of Ipswich if he belongs there, unless soon removed to Ipswich —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 17, 1781 — Present Messrs. Scollay, Mackay, Dorr, Price, Frazier —

The Selectmen met on application made by Mr. De Valneas the

late Consul of France, that agreable to a Resolve of Court the French might be accommodated with a suitable Building or Buildings in this Town to receive their sick & wounded men but Mr. De Valneas did not appear —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 17, 1781 Present Messrs. Scollay, Mackay, Hubbard, Fellows, Price,

A Letter from Selectmen of Marblehead laid before the Selectmen by Mr. Scollay —

Mr. Jacob Bucknam agreable to his application has liberty to erect Scales in the Street near the Stone Store & contiguous to the Market, for the weighing of Provisions &c. for such of the Inhabitants or Country People as desire it — the prices of weighing to be a Copper p Quarter for Meat & 5 Coppers p. hundred weight.

Upon application made by the Officers of the French Navy for a place to send their wounded Men to a Certificate was given Mr. Valneas the late Consul as by Copy on file —

[38.] Boston, Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 20, 1781 Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Mackay, Price, Hubbard —

The Selectmen have consented that the French Consul have the use of the Hospital at the Westerly part of Boston for the accommodation of the sick & wounded on board their Ships of War in this Harbour. He defreying the charge and Expence that shall occur by means thereof and in case the Small Pox or any infectious Distemper should break out in the Town, the Consul is to be at the charge of procuring a suitable place for the reception of any such, this Vote has been come into, purely from the necessity there is of a speedy removal of the aforesaid sick and wounded —

The Town Clerk is directed to publish an Advertisement relative to engaging Persons for a Town Watch —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 24. 1781 Present Mess: Dorr, Price, Hubbard, Frazier, Scollay,

The Town Clerk is directed to write Mr. Pitts one of the principal Proprietors of the Mills reminding him of the very dangerous situation of the Bridges & acquainting him that unless speedy Repairs are made, the Selectmen will think themselves in duty & humanity bound to have them presented at the next Court of General Sessions —

The Town Clerk directed to write to the Selectmen of Marblehead acknowledging the Receit of their Letter & acquainting them that a Meeting of the Town will soon be warned, at which Meeting their Letter will then be laid before the Inhabitants —

The Selectmen have agreed to meet at 3 O'Clock P.M.: for the future.

Next Wednesday Assigned to act upon the List of Jurors —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor 29. 1781 Present Messrs. Dorr, Mackay, Scollay, Frazier, —

Passed upon several Accounts.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r} 31, 1781 Present Messrs. Dorr, Mackay, Price, Hubbard, Scollay,

[**39.**] Ebenezer Foster applys to the Selectmen for liberty to Erect a Blacksmiths Shop on the Towns Land near the North Battery

M^{r}. Hubbard & M^{r}. Price a Committee to view the Land pray'd for, and Report to the Selectmen —

Daniel McLoad applies to the Selectmen for their approbation of him as one of the Auchtioneers for this Town & proposes John Leach Schoolmaster — & William Wittington Inholder as Bondsmen.

The Town Clerk is directed to publish extracts of the Law relative to all Keepers of School to have the approbation of the Selectmen —

Phineas Solomon Lemonier attended and was forbid to keep School untill approbated by the Selectmen.

Information given the Selectmen that the French being [*sic*] their dead within the Hospital Inclosures —

M^{r}. Frazier appointed to confer with M^{r}. Samuel Brick relative to the above practise —

M^{r}. McLoads Petition to be taken up next Wednesday —

A return was made a Committee of Court of the Average price of Corn Beef Sheeps Wool & Sole Leather, agreeable to a Resolve of the General Court, as by Copy on file —

M^{r}. Pullaen attended & was forbid keeping School without the approbation of the Selectmen

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 2. 1781 Present Messrs. Dorr, Fellows, Mackay, Scollay, Price, Frazier,

The Selectmen, having been informed by the Governor that next Monday there is to be tokens of rejoicing on Account of the Capture of Lord Cornwallis — a written Notification was sent the Town Cryer to call the Inhabitants together to Morrow 12 OClock

The Sextons were directed to ring the several Bells as usual Monday next—

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 7. 1781 Present Messrs. Dorr, Scollay, Frazier, Price, Mackay, Hubbard.

M^{r}. Homans applied for the appointment of Clerk of the Market in the room of M^{r}. Wallis deceased —

[**40.**] Passed upon Paul Farmers two Accounts, for support of the State Poor at the Almshouse amounting to £ 832. 14. 1$\frac{3}{4}$ & £ 52. 15. 1$\frac{3}{4}$ — as by Copies on file.

The Selectmen have agreed with M^{r}. Fessenden, to allow him twenty Dollars for the Bull he has left M^{r}. Hamlin the Hayward, and he is to have the Town Bull said to be at M^{r}. Whites of Brookline over & above the twenty Dollars which he is to have a draft for next Draught Day —

M^{r}. Nazro to request the attendance of the Clerks of the Market next Wednesday —

The Selectmen have agreed to fix the Assize of Bread next Wednesday —

M^r. McLoads Bondsmen as an Auctioneer approved of by the Selectmen, and the Clerk is directed to draw Bonds accordingly —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novem^r. 14, 1781 Present Messrs. Dorr, Fellows, Price, Hubbard, Mackay, Scollay, Frazier,

Elizabeth Morton a stranger sent to the Alms house on account of the Commonwealth — Order signed by M^r. Dorr & Frazier —

Daniel McLeod approved of as an Auchtioneer proposes Robert Bruce as a Bondsman in the room of M^r. Wittington — approved of — and Bonds were accordingly taken — & a Certificate given —

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 7/6 p. bushel & that 6^d p bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their charges Pains, & livelihood which is computed as follows —

The following Persons were drawn Jurors for a Mariteme Court, — Viz^t. —

Messrs. William Foster
Col^o. John Hurd
Samuel Pitts
John Adams Merc^t.
Capt. Jonathan Stoddard
John Bryant

Capt. Ridgway of Engine N. 6. applies for the Prem. allowed by the Town for bringing their Engine to [**41.**] work first at the Fire at M^r. Hootons near the Orange Tree — and for a Premium for the Fire at M^r. Inches House New Boston —

The Comm^ee. to consider on the Application of M^r. Tuder for a Peice of Land at the South Battery & the Sconce — Reported wherenpon Voted, that this matter subside for the present —

M^r. Elisha Byles applies for liberty for his Wife to open a School for teaching Children Reading &^c. which was granted

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 16. 1781 Present Messrs. Scollay, Price, Frazier, Hubbard

Upon application made to the Selectmen, it was permitted the French to Erect a Building in addition to the Hospital at New Boston for the further accommodation of their sick & wounded Sea Men —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 19. 1781 — Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Mackay, Price,

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be now set at Wheat at 7/6. and that 12^d. p bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their charges pains & livelihood which is computed as follows Viz^t.

	lb.	oz.	dr
A 4^d. Loaf of Brick Bread must weigh - - - - - - - -	1 ..	3 ..	12
4^d. d^o. brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye Meal d^o. - - -	2 ..	4 ..	
4^d. ditto not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian - - - - - - - - - - - - -	3 ..		
Biskets of 2 Coppers price - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -		7 ..	4

Wednesday next appointed to consider a Petition of Benjamin Cudworth Junr. for an Auchtioneer for this Town —

M^r^. Dorr appointed to make enquiry Reports. that the Comm^ee^. have procured this Towns, proportion of Clothing for the Troops & sent them to Davis & Wales Store

[42.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 19, 1781 Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Mackay

M^r^. Benjamin Cudworth Junr. proposes Stephen Bruce & Samuel Paine Merch^t^. for his Bondsmen as Auchtioneers —

Voted, that Benjamin Cudworth Junr. be approbated as an Auchtioneer — & that the Bonds be drawn by the Town Clerk — with the foregoing Bondsmen —

M^r^. John Bosson applies for liberty to take off some dirt which lays upon the Towns Land at the South end —

Capt. Fellows appointed to make enquiry & Report —

The Selectmen have appointed M^r^. Matthew Nazro Clerk of the Market in the room of M^r^. Wallace deceased — he to resign his place of warning Strangers —

M^r^. Cudworths Bond & M^r^. McLoads sent to M^r^. Treasurer Gardner by M^r^. Nazro —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 26, 1781. A.M. Present Mess: Scollay, Fellows, Dorr, Frazier, Price, Mackay, Hubbard

The Selectmen attended at the Hospital at West Boston & gave directions for the placing the additional Building, which the French are permitted to erect for the better accommodation of their Sick & wounded Sea Men —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 26, 1781. P.M. Present Messrs. Mackay Dorr, Frazier, Fellows, Price, Hubbard, Scollay,

M^r^. Scollay & M^r^.Frazier a Committee to wait upon his Excellency the Governor relative to placing the additional Building to the Hospital at West Boston —

Passed upon Accounts —

M^r^. Nazro directed to warn the Hogreeves to attend next Wednesday

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 24, 1781 Present Mess: Scollay, Frazier, Price, Hubbard

Information of the arrival of a Cartel as p Copy on file —

[43.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 28, 1781. A.M. Present Messrs. Frazier, Price, Hubbard, Mackay, Dorr

D^r^. Kast informed the Selectmen that the Wife of Charles Bell living in a House opposite the South side of D^r^. Coopers Meeting House had the Small Pox broke out upon her —

The Selectmen being also informed that the Husband & Wife were consenting to the removal of her self and a young Child to the Hospital at Rainsfords Island, provided they were not made answerable for any charge which should arise on her being placed

there — Orders were given Capt. Laha the Keeper of said Hospital to receive the said Woman & her Child accordingly —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 28. 1781. P.M. Present Messrs. Dorr, Price, Fellows, Frazier, Scollay —

M^{r}. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the charge of the State one Cornelius Youngman a Stranger & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this State, neither has he wherewith to support himself — Order dated Novr. 9 & signed by M^{r}. Scollay & M^{r}. Fellows —

M^{r}. Dorr & M^{r}. Frazier a Committee to enquire & Report relative to some dirt laying on the Towns Land which M^{r}. Bossen & M^{r}. Bass disputes about —

Passed upon John Jones State Account amounting to £9 .. 16 — Copy to be given in and placed on file —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 2^{d}. 1781 — Present Messrs: Price, Dorr, Fellows, Frazier, Mackay.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting Fryday Decem^{r}. 7 - 10. OClock, Forenoon —

The Committee appointed for the purpose — Report as their opinion that the dirt belongs to the Town being laid on her? Land gives the Town a property therein —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 7. 1781 Present Messrs. Dorr, Price, Mackay, Hubbard, Frazier, Scollay,

[44.] M^{r}. Dorr appointed to order the Repairs of the North Grammar School. —

Voted, that the Mens Shoes & Stockings which remain on hand be disposed of at publick Auction for the most they will fetch — and that Parkman & Hinckley sell the same

On the application of James ORourke for the approbation of the Selectmen to teach the French Language in this Town — he was approbated provided he first take the Oath of Allegiance required by the Commonwealth —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 7. 1781 Present Mess: Dorr, Fellows.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 12. 1781 Present Messrs. Dorr, Price, Mackay —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 13. 1781 Present Mess: Scollay, Mackay

Information being given that Jane Sanford was broke out with the Small Pox & Elizabeth Sanford & Betty Peters were liable to the Distemper living in the same House where the last Person with the Small Pox was sent from to the Hospital, they were all three ordered to Rainsfords Island in Knoxs Boat & Orders given the Keeper of the Hospital, of the usual tenor —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 14. 1781 Present Messrs. Scollay.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^r. 17, 1781 Present Messrs. Dorr, Scollay, Fellows, Price, Mackay, Hubbard.

M^r. Frazier appointed to procure Blankets from M^r. Otis —

Voted, that M^r. Fleet have the printing of the Circular Letter with the Instructions, relative to the Fishery

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^r. 19. 1781 A.M. Present Messrs. Frazier, Dorr, Scollay, Price, Mackay —

Voted, that the Constables of the Watch have eleven Dollars p month and the Watchmen have eight Dollars p month

[**45.**] The Town Clerk directed to send the Letter Circular, by the Post —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^r. 19. 1781 Present Messrs: Dorr, Fellows, Frazier, Price, Mackay, Hubbard

Information given the Selectmen by D^r. Appleton, that the Small Pox is broke out in a Negro Woman named Cumber McDaniel, in a House in Tattle Street —

Application made by John Conner for a License as Auchtioneer

Selectmen agree to meet next Fryday 3. OClock

M^rs. Elizabeth Floyd approbated as a Retailer for her House in North Street —

M^r. Frazier Reported, that he had seen M^r. Otis who informed him he should procure the Blankets —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 21, 1781 Present Messrs. Mackay, Dorr, Price, Mackay [*sic*]

D^r. Appleton now acquaints the Selectmen, that he does not apprehend the Negro Woman (of whom information was given on Wednesday last) has the Small Pox —

The Circular Letter relative to the Fishery, has been sent to the Selectmen of the Maritime Town agreable to a Vote of the Town at a late Meeting —

John Conner approved of as an Auchtioneer for this Town as also the Bondsmen proposed by him, vizt. James Welch Taverner Thomas Watson Trader —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen December 26, 1781 Present Messrs. Fellows, Dorr, Frazier, Price, Mackay, Hubbard Scollay

John Conners Bond sent Treasurer Gardner by M^r. Nazro. and a License given him of the usual tenor, which makes four Bonds I have to Account with the Selectmen for —

Upon a complaint made by M^r. Uran that two of his Sons could not be admitted into M^r. Carter's School. M^r. Nazro was directed to desire his attendance next Wednesday —

[**46.**] The Town Clerk is to serve the Town Treasurer with a Copy of the Town Vote respecting his [dismissing?] * of so much Mony of the new Emmission as shall answer the Draughts of the Selectmen for support of the Watch — and also inform the Treas-

* The vote of the town was that he should make sale of so much of the bills, &c. — W. H. W.

urer that the Selectmen have computed that the charge of the Watch for six months will amount to four hundred & fifty Pounds hard Money —

Thomas Davis at his Shop in Ann Street approved of as a Retailer of Spirituous Liquors —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^r. 31, 1781 Present, Messrs. Dorr, Frazier, Mackay, Scollay,

Passed upon Accounts —

M^r. Carter Master of the Writing School, attended as desired by the Selectmen, and satisfied the Selectmen with respect to his not receiving a Son of M^r. Urans into his School about nine months since —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 2, 1782 Present Messrs. Dorr, Price, Frazier, Mackay, Hubbard.

Permission given Capt. Laha Keeper of the Hospital to suffer Bellingham Watts a Prisoner to leave the Island & come up to Town. Capt. Laha having Reported to the Selectmen that the said Watts is well, & sufficiently cleansed —

The following Persons were drawn Jurors for a Maritime Court — Viz^t. — Capt. Ebenezer Howard
John Stanton
James Goodridge
Joseph Barrel
Benjamin White Houswright
Russel Sturgis

On Fryday next, the Selectmen have agreed to take under consideration the Petition of M^r. Abraham Lansing? that he may be Licensed as an Auchtioneer —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 4, 1782 Present Messrs: Dorr, Frazier, Hubbard, Mackay, Price, Scollay,

[47.] The following was sent Capt. Laha on Wednesday last Viz^t.

BOSTON, Jany. 2^d. 1782.

Capt. Samuel Laha

The Cartel Capt. Black lately from Hallifax, now at Rainsfords Island having on board a number of Persons sick with the Small Pox and other Distempers — You are directed to receive on shoar the said sick Persons & provide for them according to the custom of the Hospital, & not suffer the said Vessel or any Person belonging to her or which came in her to leave the Island untill thoroughly cleansed, or untill further Orders from us —

Your humble Servt.

HARBOTTLE DORR
NATH^L. FRAZIER
EZEKIEL PRICE
TUTTLE HUBBARD
WILLIAM MACKAY

M^r. Abraham Lynsen [*sic*] approved of as an Auchtioneer

propose Isac Sears & Pascal Nelson Smith Esqr. as his Bondsmen who were accepted by the Selectmen — And the Town Clerk is directed to draw his Bonds, and see them executed —

M^{r}. Hamlin, Hayward is permitted to purchase one Tun of Hay for support of the Bull till Spring —

The Town Treasurer is desired to dispose of the new Emission Money, not exceeding four for one, on the best terms he can, to the amount of four hundred & fifty pounds

Passed upon D^{r}. Appletons State Account am^{g}. to £ 21. 0. 8^{d}. as p Copy on file —

Passed upon Capt. Laha Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island State Acco^{t}. am^{t}. to sixty one pounds sixteen Shillings — Copy to be taken, now on file

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 9. 1782 Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Frazier, Mackay, Hubbard, Fellows,

The Selectmen have allowed the Account of M^{r}. Peter Rowe Dalton for services at the Treasury for £. 31– 10/, for which he is to have a draft next Draught Day —

M^{r}. Price & M^{r}. Hubbard a Comm^{ee}. to see M^{r}. Brick & make enquiry relative to the Corps of some Frenchmen, [improperly leaved?]

[48.] Passed upon Gibbins Sharp State Accounts, am^{t}. to £ 7. 15, 10¼ as p. Copy to be given in.

M^{r}. Frazier Reports that he has received in consequence of his appointment, from the States Comm^{ee}. on Accounts the Money for the Clothing &c. furnished by this Town for the Continental Army for 1780 — & has deposited the same with the Town Treasurer as p. Receit on file — the Selectmens Commission being included in said Receit for £638. 10. 3^{d}.

M^{r}. Nazro is to consider the Bounds of the Market Square as extending to the Gutter & the Corner of the Watch house

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 16, 1782. Present Messrs: Scollay, Dorr, Mackay, Frazier, —

The Selectmen gave a License to M^{r}. Abraham Lynsen to dispose of Goods as an Auchtioneer —

The Town Clerk delivered M^{r}. Lynsens Bond as an Auctioneer to M^{r}. Nazro to be given in to the Treasurer of this Commonwealth —

Passed upon D^{r}. Joseph Whipples State Account amounting to £. 133. 0. 4. as p. Copy on file.

The Selectmen were this Day sworn to the Pay Roll of the 6 Months Men belonging to this Town, who were in the Continental service amounting £ 717–11–1^{d}. for the Year 1780 —

M^{r}. Paul Farmer was required to receive into the Alms house a David Spencer & Margaret Brothers, Strangers & not Inhabitants of any Town in this Commonwealth, neither had they wherewithall to support themselves — Order signed Decem^{r}. 7, 1781 for Spencer & Jany. 4, 1782 for Brothers.

Passed upon Ephraim Fernices Petition for a License to retail Spirituous Liquors

Mr. Thomas Harris approved of as an Inholder at his House the head of Hutchinsons Wharff —

Mr. Dorr & Mr. Frazier a Committee to prepare & present the Accounts for Clothing & for Expenses in going to Rainsford Island, for the Year 1781 to the Committee of Accounts for payment —

[49.] Mr. Edward Smith, informs that one Mary Gould belonging to Estham, the Daughter of Thomas Gould, who lived with him some time has now left his House & praying she may ordered home to her Parents —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen December [January?] 23d. 1782. Present Mess: Dorr, Price, Mackay, Hubbard, Scollay.

Mr. Frazier & Capt. Mackay a Committee to settle with Colo. Procter the Milage advanced by the Town for the three & six Months Men 1780 and to present the Accounts for payment — as also for the Year 1781 —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, January 28. 1782. Present Messrs: Dorr, Scollay, Price, Mackay, Fellows,

Letter laid before the Selectmen from the Town Clerk of Marblehead in the name & behalf of said Town, inclosing a Copy of their Instructions to their Members in the House of Representatives —

Isaac Freeman, approved of as an Inholder for his House in Fore Street —

Mr. Templeman applys to the Selectmen for liberty to exhibit on the Slack Wire —

The Town Clerk directed to furnish the Boston Seat with a Copy of the Instructions of the Town of Marblehead to their Representatives —

Passed upon John Hinkleys State account amounting to £ 10 .. 19 .. 9. as p Copy on file —

Passed upon Accounts.

Mrs. Mary Lobb approved as a Retailer of Spirituous Liquors at her Shop in Fish Street —

William Day approved as a Retailer of Spirituous Liquors at his Shop in *Quakers* Lane.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 30. 1782. Present Mess: Scollay, Dorr, Frazier, Price, Mackay, Hubbard,

Passed upon some Accounts —

The Town Clerk is directed to furnish the Collectors with Certificates, of their having given Bond to the Selectmen & that they have no objection to the Assessors delivering them the Tax Books.

[50.] Acted upon the List of Jurors —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 6. 1782 Present Mess: Scollay, Dorr, Price, Hubbard, Frazier,

The following were chose Jurors for a Maritime Court Viz^{t}.

Thomas Russel Esqr. excused
Paul Revere Esqr.
Martin Brimmer
John Marston
Oliver Brewster
Benjamin Burt
Joseph Russel

Passed upon John Boits Petition for the approbation to Retail at the Store of Boyte & Rumsey the South side of the Market & the Town Clerk was directed to certify the approbation —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 13. 1782, A.M. Present Messrs: Dorr, Price, Scollay, Frazier, —

The following Persons were drawn Jurors for a Maritime Court — Viz^{t}. —

Mess: James Yancey
Samuel Whitwell
James Ivers
William Craft
Andrew Black
William Fleet
Isajah Doan
Jeremiah Allen

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 13. 1782. P.M. Present Messrs: Scollay Dor Frazier Mackay Hubbard & Price

Order for M^{r}. Farmer to receive George Mitchel & his Wife into the Almshouse on States Acc^{t}. dated Sept. 1. 1781 —

Also an order to receive The Son of George Randle dated Oct. 5. 1781 —

Also an order to receive the Son of Thos. Mitchel dated Oct. 26. 1781 —

Mr. John Templeman applied to the Selectmen for liberty to exhibit in the Slack Wire, and laid several Petitions of the Inhabitants that he might be permitted before them

[51.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 15. 1782 Present Messrs: Scollay, Fellows, Dorr, Frazier, Price, Mackay.

Settled with and paid all the Selectmen for Licenses for Vendue Masters, and Permits to sell Rum Tea &^{c}. fourteen Dollars & 1 Pistereen each, which is to the 23^{d}. Day of January last —

M^{r}. Templeton attended, and was heard relative to his proposal of exhibiting on the Slack Wire, when it was recommended to him to wait till the sense of the Inhabitants can be taken at a Meeting soon to be called —

The Town Clerk is to write the Selectmen of Hingham requesting them to refund the Money advanced for M^{rs}. Tower immediately.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 20. 1782 Present Mess: Scollay, Dorr, Mackay, Hubbard, Frazier —

An account received from Parkman & Hinckley of Shirts &c sold at Vendue amounting to £ 11. 4 — as p Copy on file

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 25, 1782 Present Messrs. Dorr, Mackay, Price, Fellows, Frazier

Passed on several Accounts —

Town Clerk directed to write Col^{o}. Procter requiring an Account of Towns Small Arms delivered him —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby 27. 1782 Present: Mess Dorr, Scollay, Mackay, Price, Hubbard, Frazier,

The Town Clerk directed to issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting March 5 —

A Letter sent to Col^{o}. Procter requesting his furnishing the Selectmen with an Account of his distribution of the Towns Small Arms & Cartridges & another —

Passed upon several Accounts.

A Letter was sent Caleb Davis Esqr. Agent for the State relative to the Small Arms delivered Col^{o}. Procter,

[**52.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 6. 1782 Present Mess: Dorr, Hubbard, Price, Scollay, Frazier, Mackay,

There was Collected for James Patterson, who was wounded the 5 of March 1770, the Sum of Seven Pounds twelve Shillings, — and the same has been put into the hands of Capt. William Mackay, for the use of the said Patterson, & his Wife — the Collection was made in Town Meeting the 5 Ins^{t}.

M^{r}. Thomas Newcomb, applies for a Stand at the Fish Market —

Ordered that the Town Clerk issue a warrant for the Annual Town Meeting, March 11th.

M^{r}. Powers to have the printing of the Notification for March Meeting —

M^{r}. Scollay & M^{r}. Frazier a Comm^{ee} to wait upon M^{r}. Cooper and desire Him to open the Town Meeting with Prayer —

The Selectmen having considered the application of M^{r}. Newcomb, agreed that he should have the Stand on which M^{r}. Johonnot had a Box in the Fish Market.

Passed upon John Dafforns State Accounts amount^{g} to £ 5 — as by Copy on file —

Passed upon Charles Bells State Account amounting to £ 14 — as by Copy on file —

Passed upon Accounts —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 13, 1782. Present: Messrs Fellows, Dorr, Price, Scollay, Frazier, Mackay, Hubbard —

The Selectmen have agreed with Andrew Tuksberry for the Rent of Deer Island the year ensuing commencing the 25th of March

£ 50 — Specie, on the same terms and conditions with the last, and the Town Clerk is directed to draw the Leases of the same tenor of the last —

Parkman & Hinckley paid the Town Treasurer £ 11.. 4/ for the proceeds of Shoes &c. as p Acco^{t}. on file —

[53.] The following endorsement was made on the Warrant drawn on Henry Gardner, Esqr. Treasurer of the Commonwealth for the pay of the 6 months Men — for 1780 — Viz^{t}.

Sir

Please to pay Capt. Alexander Hodgden the Monies mentioned in the within Rolls he to pay the same to the several Persons born thereon he to be accountable for the same: the Sum expressed in the Warrant being £717–11–1^{d}. endorsement signed by John Scollay Chairman p order

Liberty is granted Thomas Daws Esq. to build a new Tomb in the Common burying Ground near the Granary provided he does not interfere with any other Persons Tomb or Grave & that the Earth be removed so as not to incommode any Burial place —

The Selectmen have assigned next Wednesday to determine with respect to a visitation of the Town —

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen March 20. 1782. Present Mess. Dorr, Mackay, Fellows, Price, Frazier.

Voted, that a Petition be presented to the General Court praying that a Law may be provided with respect to this Town only, as may be effectual to prevent Hogs from going at large

The Selectmen have consented that Bartholomew Nasen have the improvements of the Box at the Fish Market lately occupied by M^{r}. Tilley, till further orders, on such terms as the others hold them — reconsidered — see March 29 —

Ordered, that the Town Clerk publish an Advertisement relative to the Repairs of Faneuil Hall, the Streets & also erecting a School house—

Ordered that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting Monday the 1st. of April next, for the choice of Governor &c.

Ordered, that Messrs. Fleets have the printing of the Notifications —

M^{r}. Price & M^{r}. Frazier a Committee to wait upon Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Howard & desire him to open the Town Meeting with Prayer —

[54.] The Selectmen approbate John Larken as a suitable Person to retail Spirituous Liquors at his Store in Back Street and the Town Clerk is directed to give him the usual recommendation —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 25. 1782 Present Messrs. Scollay, Mackay, Hubbard,

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen March 27. 1782, Present Messrs. Dorr, Frazier, Price, Hubbard,

Adjourned to Fryday next 3. O Clock P.M. at which time the Petition of Parkman & Hinckley for a License as Auchtioneers is to be considered

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 29. 1782 Present Messrs. Dorr, Price, Mackay, Frazier,

Messrs. Parkman & Hinckley approved of as Auchtioneers for this Town —

Passed upon D^r. Joseph Whipples State Accounts amounting as by Copy on file to £ 44. 5. 4 —

The following is Copy of a Receit on file — Viz^t.

BOSTON Sep^t. 18, 1781

Received of the Selectmen of Boston four hundred & forty Shirts, 440 p^r. Hose 440 p^r. Shoes — 220 Blankets on behalf of said Town agreable to a Resolve of the General Court passed June 22^d. 1781 —

EBENEZER BATTELLE, Agent

William Tilton is permitted still to occupy the Box at the Fish Market lately improved by M^r. Tilley on the same terms they are held by others —

M^r. Nazro, is directed to Notify the Justices & Overseers to meet at the Selectmens Chamber on Tuesday next at 11. O Clock Forenoon in order to Agree upon a Visitation of the Town —

The Town Clerk directed to Publish an Advertizement notefying such Town Officers as have not been sworn that unless they appear at the Selectmens Chamber Wednesday next [**55.**] to be sworn their names will be returned to the Court of Sessions, that their Fines may be recovered —

Voted. that M^r. Nazro Clerk of Faneuil Hall Market is to ask six Pence p day Specie for the Stands in Market Square

The Selectmen have Agreed that the Fishermen who improve the Boxes on Dock Square pay M^r. Nazro the Clerk of the Market four Shillings p month to commence from the 1st. of June last — Passed upon Accounts —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 1. 1782. Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Price, Hubbard

Parkman & Hinckley proposes Jonathan Stodder Gentleman & Capt. Benj. Gorham — as Bondsmen — who were approved of —

Boston Ss: A Meeting of Selectmen Justices & Overseers to agree upon a Walk or Visitation of the Town

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 3^d. 1782 Present Messrs. Dorr, Price, Hubbard, Mackay, Frazier, Scollay

M^r. Jacob Bucknam is permitted to improve an old Building of the Towns on the North Battery Wharff for one Quarter of a Year he paying therefor fifteen Shillings — and if the Wharff should be improved for growing &^c. he to Collect the pay for the same & to be allowed for his trouble, as also for collecting the other Wharfage

The Selectmen direct the Town Clerk to publish an Advertizement relative to the Inhabitants bringing in an Estimate of the damages sustained by the Enemy, where it has not yet been done —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 15. 1782 Present Mess: Scollay, Fellows Dorr Price Hubbard Mackay Frazier

Mr. Peter Boyer Town Treasurer Elect, proposed for his Bondsmen Mr. Ebenezer Sever Merch^t. Mr. Daniel Bell Merch^t. both of this —

The above Persons were approved of by the Selectmen as Bondsmen for the Town Treasurer, and the Town Clerk is directed to prepare the Bonds accordingly —

[**56.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 6, 1782 Present Messrs. Price, Mackay, Hubbard Frazier,

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 10, 1782 Present Messrs. Dorr, Price, Hubbard, Frazier, Fellows

A Walk or Visitation of the Town was had on Wednesday last agreable to a return on file —

Mr. Luke Baker & John Procter both living in Cornhill apply for liberty to erect Posts before their Houses as they were formerly placed — allowed by the Selectmen —

A Letter was agreed upon to be sent each of the School Masters relative to Mr. Clarks Children, & the Town Clerk was directed to make out fair Copys, & sign the same by direction of the Selectmen & transmit the same to said Schoolmasters —

The following endorsement was made on the Warrant drawn on Henry Gardner Esqr. Treasurer of this Commonwealth for the pay of the six months men for 1780 — Viz^t.

Sir

Please to pay Capt. Alexander Hodgdon the Monies mentioned in the within Warrant he to pay the same to the several Persons born on the annexed Rolls and to be accountable for the same

JOHN SCOLLAY Chairman

N.B The Sum expressed in the Warrant being £ 444 .. 3. 9 p order

Upon the representation of William McFadden Capt. Fellows appointed to see D^r. Warren and let him know that care should be taken that the Persons from the Hospital who dig Graves in the South burying Ground, do not interfere with the Sextons in their digging up Graves —

Mr. Nazro directed to inform the following Persons appointed Auchtioneers for this Town, that the time limitted by Law for their acting in that office is expired — Viz^t.

Messrs. Russel & Clap
William Greanleaff
Procter & Lowell
Hinckley & Parkman
Fellows & Pierpoint
William & John Gooch

[**57.**] The Town Clerk is directed to lay before the Selectmen the Bonds of the several Delinquent Selectmen —

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen April 12, 1782 Present Messrs. Dorr, Frazier, Price, Mackay, Hubbard

M^{r}. William Gale applies for liberty to erect a Post before his House in Cornhill — which was granted him

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 15, 1782 Present Messrs. Scollay, Price, Hubbard, Frazier, Mackay, Dorr —

Liberty granted to Adam Colson to set up a large Post at the side of his House in Marlborough Street —

Liberty granted to John Cutler for placing a small Post in the same Street, where one had before stood —

Liberty granted to M^{r}. Calvin White for placing a Post in the same Street on condition of his removing an old crooked Post near the same —

Liberty granted Samuel Brick to level a place in the Common torn up by the British Troops it intercepting the prospect from said Bricks House —

Boston April 12, 1782 — Received of the Town of Hingham by the hands of the Selectmen of Boston five pounds twelve shillings & three pence in full for boarding Elizabeth Tower in the Alms — which boarding was charged to the Commonwealth aforesaid: But it appearing that said Tower was an Inhabitant of Hingham, said Selectmen sent to, & have received from said Town of Hingham the aforesaid Sum of £5. 12. 3^{d}. which they have put into my hands for the use of the Poor in said Alms house, and for which I promise to give the Commonwealth Credit, in the next Account I make out against it — £5. 12. 3.

PAUL FARMER

The Original Receipt is placed on the Selectmens file of next Papers —

[58.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 17, 1782. Present Messrs. Dorr, Mackay, Hubbard,

M^{r}. Greanleaff proposes Nathaniel Walker Appleton Physian & Thomas Dawes Junr. Gentleman, as the Bondsmen for the faithful discharge of his trust as Auchtioneer

Mr Clap proposes his former Bondsmen for the present Bondsmen as Auchtioneer — Joseph Callender, Merch^{t}. James Lamb

Voted, that M^{r}. George Richards Minot have five yards of broad Cloth, it being the custom to allow that quantity as a Compliment to the Orator for delivering an Oration the 5 of March —

The Persons proposed by M^{r}. Greanleaff & Messrs. Russel & Clap above for their Bondsmen as Auchtioneers were approved of by the Selectmen —

Passed upon Asa Stodders State Account am^{g}. as by Copy on file £ 59–16–4 —

The Selectmen have assigned next Wednesday for fixing an Assize of Bread —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 24, 1782 Present Messrs. Dorr, Frazier, Mackay, Hubbard, Price, Fellows,

The following Persons were chosen Jurors for a Maritime Court — Viz^{t}. —

Messrs. William Lambert
Thomas Bumsted
Capt. Sam: Ballard
Nathl. Byfield Loyd
John Winthrop
William Newman

Elijah Caswell admitted an Engine Man in Company of Engine N. 6 Capt. Ridgway in the room of Samuel Tod removed —

Passed upon Robert Knox's State Account amounting as by Copy on file to £ 9 —

[**59.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 17. 1782 Present Messrs. —

The following is a Return made the Collector appointed to Collect the Duties of Excise for the County of Boston by the Selectmen of said Towns pursuant to a late Act of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth — Viz^{t}.

	Permitted
Nathaniel Barret	1781 Decem^{r}. 12
Joseph Pierpoint	12
Joseph Ford	12
Robert Wier	12
Samuel Payne	12
William Gooch	12
Isaac Pierce	12
Richard Hayden	12
Edward Davis	12
Benjamin Hammet	12
Gideon Bates	12
William Porter	12
John Parker	12
Joshua Witherby	12
John Allen	12
John Bryant	12
Samuel Hastings	12
Pepperel Tyler	12
Samuel Buel	12
George Vincent	12
Abiel Smith	12
Andrew Syms Esq.	12
Joseph Bosh	12
John Boit	12
William Daws Junr.	12
John Hunt	12
John Harkins	12
Edward Wentworth	17
Nathaniel Payne	17

Hassey & Snow	Decem^{r}.	17
Joseph Howard		17
Ebenezer Hills		17
John Bois		17
George McKinney		17
Moses Black		17
William Stackpole		17
John May		17
Ebenezer Perry		17
Ebenezer Farrington		17
Nathaniel Patten		17
Andrew Black		17
William Marshall		17
Nathaniel Curtis		17
Josiah Knap		17
Samuel Payne Junr.		17
Joseph Head		17
Joseph Hall		17
Nathaniel Hall		17
John Bradshaw		17
Samuel Sloan		17
Thomas Ruggles		17
Francis Thayer		17
Elisha Sigorney		17
William Stow		17
John Scollay Esq		17
Thomas Hill		17
Erasmus Pierce		17
John R. Sigorney		17
Jonathan Brown		17
George Langley		17
Abraham Hunt		17
Larkin & Hurd		17
William Wiart		17
Henry Swan		17
John Stibbins		17
[60.] Henley & Rand		17
John Fairservice		17
Elizabeth Stebbins		17
Nathaniel Wait		17
Russel Sturgis		17
David Wheeler		17
Samuel Wallace		17
Benjamin Gorham		17
Edward Howard		17
John Doubledee		19
William & Jno. Mollinenx		19
Samuel Goffe		19
James Green		19
Benjamin Thompson		26
Joseph Lovering		26
John Ingersol		26

Charles Geyer	Decem^{r}. 26
Abraham Eustis	26
Johonnot & Jarvis	26
Jacob Tidd	26
Daniel Bell	26
Samuel Parkman	26
John Tileston	26
Daniel Parker	26
James Wells	26
	1782
James & Thomas Lamb	Jany. 2
Patrick Conner	2
Otis & Henley	2
William Colman	2
Daniel Sears	2
Alexander Hodgden	2
William & John Shattuck	2
Henry Hill	2
Nehemiah Soames	2
William Jennison	2
Benjamin Webb	2
Josiah Waters Junr. Esqr.	2
Ebenezer Storer Esqr.	2
William Brick	2
John Kneeland	2
Isaac Smith Esqr.	16
John Lucas Esqr.	25
Grant Webster	Feby. 6
Henry Prentice	6
Ebenezer Torrey	6
Thomas Hitchburne	6
Nehemian Ingersol	13
Peter Dolliver	13
Nathaniel Pierce	15
Joseph Spear Junr.	20
Thomas Powers	27
William Miller	March 13
Biggelow & Spear	20
Thomas Russel Esqr.	20
William Lambert	20

Boston July 12, 1782

The Subscribers hereby Certify that the afore going is a true Return of all such persons as have been permitted by the Selectmen to sell Wine & other Spirits agreable to a late Act of the General Court —

John Scollay
Gustavus Fellows,
Harbuttle Dorr
Ezekiel Price
Tuttle Hubbard
William Mackay
Nathan Frazier
Selectmen of Boston

[**61.**] The following Return of the Names of the Persons Licensed to sell Tea in the Town of Boston by the Selectmen of said Town, pursuant to a late Act of the General Court of this Commonwealth, was given in to Samuel Henshaw Esqr. appointed to Collect the Excise for the County of Suffolk — Viz^t. —

Names	Time when Licensed 1781	Date of Bonds 1781	Penalty
Nathaniel Barret	December 12	December 12	£100
Joseph Pierpont	12	December 12	100
Joseph Ford	12	12	100
Samuel Partridge	12	12	100
Samuel Dashwood	12	12	100
William Gooch	12	12	100
Hannah Young	12	12	100
Margaret Winslow	12	12	100
Richard Hayden	12	12	100
Benjamin Hammet	12	12	100
Gideon Bayley	12	12	100
Lucy Rumley	12	12	100
Joshua Witherby	12	12	100
John Parker	12	12	100
Josiah Brown	12	12	100
Robert Davis	12	12	100
Amasa Davis	12	12	100
John Alden	12	12	100
John Junt say Jent	12	12	100
Caleb Davis Esq	12	12	100
John Bryant	12	12	100
Samuel Hastings	12	12	100
Pepperel Tyler	12	12	100
George Vincent	12	12	100
Abiel Smith	12	12	100
[**62.**] Joseph Bash	12	12	100
John Boit	12	12	100
William Daws Junr.	12	12	100
Edward Davis	12	12	100
Joseph Howard	12	12	100
Ebenezer Hills	17	12	100
Edward Wentworth	17	12	100
John Bais	17	12	100
George McKinney	17	12	100
Moses Black	17	17	100
William Stackpole	17	17	100
John May	17	17	100
Ebenezer Perry	17	17	100
Ebenezer Farrington	17	17	100
John Stebbins	19	19	100
Nathaniel Austin	19	19	100
John Fairservice	19	19	100
Nathaniel Wait	19	19	100

Names	Time when Licensed	Date of Bonds	Penalty
	1781	1781	
Elizabeth Floyd	December 19	December 19	£100
David Wheeler	19	19	100
William Conent	19 has lost his Bond as he says		
John Langdon	19 has lost his Bond as he says		
Sarah Swanton	19	19	100
Daniel Austin	19 has lost his Bond as he says		
Samuel Goffe	19	19	100
James Young	19	19	100
James Green	19	19	100
Samuel Caverley	19	19	100
William Daws Sen[r].	19	17	100
		Bond as he says mislaid	
Andrew Black	19	17	100
[**63.**] William Marshall	17	17	100
Nathaniel Curtis	17	17	100
Josiah Knap	17	17	100
Samuel Payne Jun[r].	17	17	100
Joseph Head	17	17	100
Joseph Hall	17	17	100
Nathaniel Hall	17	17	100
John Bradshaw Jun[r].	17	17	100
Thomas Ruggles	17	17	100
William Stow	17	17	100
Jennet Trail	17	17	100
Thomas Stevenson	17	17	100
Samuel Lord	17	17	100
Dorothy Wharton	19	19	100
Francis Butler	19	19	100
Mary Lobb	19	19	100
Joseph Shed	19	19	100
William Fallas	19	19	100
Joseph Clarke	19	19	100
William Sutten	19	19	100
Noah Dogget	19	19	100
Mary Fullerton	19	19	100
Obediah Thayer	19	19	100
Mary Shepherd	19	19	100
Mary Wakefield	19	19	100
Elijah Marsh	19	19	100
George Langley	19	19	100
Abigail Harriet	19	19	100
Samuel Bonner	19	19	100
Sarah Salter	19	19	100
Thomas Stickney	19	19	100
John Stanton	19	19	100
Samuel Pierce	19	19	100
[**64.**] Joseph Kettle	19	19	100
Benjamin M. Stillman	19	19	100
Elizabeth Stibbins	19	19	100

Names	Time when Licensed	Date of Bonds	Penalty
	1781	1781	
Larking & Hurd	December 19	December 19	£100
Richard Salter	19	19	100
Abiel Ruddock Esq	19	19	100
Margaret Jepson	26	26	100
Hannah Bowlend	26	26	100
Charles Geyer	26	26	100
Abraham Eustis	26	26	100
John Clark	26	26	100
Mary Hall	26	26	100
Daniel Pecker	26	26	100
Mary Marshall	26	26	100
	1782	1782	
Patrick Conner	January 2	January 2	100
William Colman	2	2	100
Daniel Sears	2	2	100
Alexander Hodgden	2	4	100
Jacob Sweetser	2	9	100
Henry Prentice	February 6	February 6	100
Benjamin Wheeler	13	13	100
Samuel Pope	16		100
John Rogers	20	20	100
John Lucas	25	25	100
Edward Weld	15	15	100
Lemuel Cravath	March 13	13	100
Josiah Crosby	13	13	100
Jeremiah Green Esqr.	20	20	100
William Lambert	20	20	100
Zipheen Thayer	20	20	100
Francis Thayer	20	20	100
William Brick	20	20	100
Samuel Fenno	25	25	100
Joshua Loring	25	25	100
Joshua Eaton	27	27	100
Joshua Bunker	April 3	April 3	100
Rebecca Blake	3	3	100
Benjamin Pierce	17	17	100
		See July 12th.	

[**65.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 29. 1782 Present Messrs: Dorr, Mackay, Scollay.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 30. 1782 Present Messrs: Dorr, Price, Hubbard,

The Committee to settle with the late Town Treasurer, and to examine the Draughts of the Selectmen, attended, and had laid before them the Draught Book of Monies drawn for by the Selectmen & such information was given the Committee as they desired, as by a Memorandum on file —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 1t. 1782 Present Messrs. Dorr, Price, Mackay, —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 3d. 1782 Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Fellows, Frazier, Price, Mackay, Hubbard,

Passed upon Accounts —

Capt. Fellows, appointed to examine the Accounts of the Town Clerk —

The Petition of Mr. Isaac Pierce laid before the Selectmen when they apprehended the matter contained therein did not properly come before them —

Mr. Dorr & Capt. Mackay a Committee to confer with Mr. Page as to the Rent of North Battery Wharff —

Mr. Curtis, Sexton, to be sent for to attend the Selectmen next Wednesday —

Town Clerk directed to Advertize Bull Pasture to be let for the present Year — in Edes Paper —

The Selectmen have agreed to fix the Assize of Bread next Wednesday —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 8t. 1782 Present Messrs: Dorr, Price, Scollay, Hubbard,

[66.] Ordered that the Assize of Bread be now set at Wheat at 9/ p bushel and that 12d. pence p bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4d. Loaf of Brick Bread must weigh - - - - - -	1–	0–	9
a 4 ditto Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal do. -	2–		
a 4 ditto not above ½ Indian Meal do. - - - - -	2–	10	
Biskets of 2 Coppers price - - - - - - - - - - -		–6–	3

Mr. Curtis the Sexton of Dr. Coopers Church, appeared as required by the Selectmen, and being informed of his having tolled a Bell the Sabbath Evening before last, several times & before Sun down, by which he had forfeited his License to break Ground in the Burial places — he acknowledge the offence, and promised he would do so no more — whereupon it was passed over by the Selectmen.

Mr. John Lane permitted by the Selectmen to open a School in this Town for the teaching Children reading, writing &c.

The Town Clerk directed to issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting for the choice of Representatives &c. on Tuesday next at 10. O Clock Forenoon —

Mr. Dorr and Capt. Mackay a Commee. to desire the Revd. Mr. Lothrop to open the Meeting with Prayer —

Mr. Dorr & Capt. Mackay a Committee to examine Dr. Stedmans deceased, Accounts for the Almshouse by Mr. Farmers Books —

Mr. Billings & several others a Commee from a singing Company applied to the Selectmen for liberty to have the use of the So.

Lattin School house on Monday Evenings, for the purpose of improving in Psalmady — which is granted till further Orders of the Selectmen —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 15. 1782 Present Mess: Frazier, Price
Passed upon Dr. Whipples State Acco^t. amounting to £174. 7– as p. Copy to be placed on file

[67.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 16. 1782 Present Mess^s: Scollay, Frazier, Price, Mackay, Hubbard
Three of the Collectors attended upon the business assigned the Selectmen by the Town and Agreed upon a Report

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 22^d. 1782 Present Messrs: Price.
Mr. Benjamin Curtis desires the refusal of some Bricks belonging to the Town & laying near the Fortification.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 25, 1782 Present Messrs: Price. Hubbard, Mackay, Frazier.
Mr. Bicker proposes Daniel Jones & Mr. Lendall Pitts as his Bondsmen — who are approved of by the Selectmen —
Capt. Ridgway of Engine N. 6 applied for the Premium allowed by the Town to his Comp^y. for their bringing their Engine to work first at the Fire which broke out at the Hospital at Bartons Point & at a House in Tattle Street —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 27, 1782 Present Messrs: Scollay, Fellows, Frazier, Mackay
Mr. Daniel Parke Sexton of the Old Brick Meeting House applys to the Selectmen for liberty to break ground in the Burial Grounds — and liberty was granted accordingly he conforming to the regulations of the Selectmen therein.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 30, 1782 Present Messrs: Mackay, Hubbard, Fellows,

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 5, 1782 — Messrs. Scollay, Frazier, Price, Mackay, Hubbard,
Passed upon two Accounts of Paul Farmer amounting to £867. 13. 9¾ & £52. 16. 0¼ as by Copys on file —
[68.] Mr. Benjamin Cooper approbated by the Selectmen to keep a Tavern in the House lately improved by Mr. Newell situated in Wings Lane

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 12, 1782 Present Messrs. Scollay & Price,
Mem^o there is due to Mr. Aaron Smith for services as Master of the North Gram^r. School from June 1st. to July 23^d at £45 p Quarter, amounts to £26. 5/ not yet drawn for see below.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 14, 1782 Present Messrs: Dorr, Mackay, Hubbard, Price, Fellows,

A Committee from the Grand Lodge of Masons waited upon the Selectmen, and asked the use of Faneuil Hall to dine, next Monday Seven night — — And liberty was accordingly granted —

M^{r}. Hubbard a Committee to employ a suitable Person to examine and cast the Collectors Accounts &c.

The Town Clerk directed to issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting relative to the delivering of the Books to the Collectors — Messrs. Fleets —

Voted, that M^{r}. Aaron Smith have a Draught on the Town Treasurer for £26 – 5 — drawn for —

M^{r}. Dorr & Capt. Mackay a Committee to agree with M^{r}. John Page for the hire of North Battery so called, Report that he is willing to give twenty pounds p Year, — whereupon — Voted that he may have the same for one Year unless it should be sold before the expiration of that Term — The Battery, includes the whole of the Wharff, from the old Gates down to the end, with the buildings thereon — with liberty of a Cart Way to the Street of a suitable width & *all other* parts of the Wharff & Dock belonging to the Town, not let.

The Clerk of the Market desired to attend next Wednesday —

[69.] Passed upon y^{e}. late D^{r}. Stedmans State Account amounting as p Copy on file to £477 – 9 – 10^{d}.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 15, 1782. Present Mess^{s}. Scollay Price Frazier Hubbard —

The Town Clerk was directed to publish hand Bills of Regulations agreeable to a Vote of the Town at their late Meetings and cause them to be delivered the Constables, that they may hand them to the Inhabitants with the Notifications for the Town Meeting — Mess^{s}. Fleets

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 19, 1782 Present Mess^{s}. Scollay, Dorr, Mackay, Price, —

Passed upon Agnes Barstows State Account amounting as by Copy on file to £13. 4/ — copy to be taken

M^{r}. Paul Farmer required to receive into the Alms house one Sarah Dawson, to be supported at the charge of this Commonwealth, she being a Stranger & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this State, neither had she wherewithall to support herself — Order dated June 11 — & signed by M^{r}. Scollay & Capt. Mackay —

The Petitions of a number of the Inhabitants for the use of Faneuil Hall for preaching read, and the Consideration thereof referred to a full Board —

Passed upon D^{r}. Charles Jarvis State Account amounting to £59. 4 4^{d}. — as P Copy to be delivered —

M^{r}. Blainey, is to have the Bull Pasture for £15 — P Annum provided it is not previously engaged to Capt. Fellows

Mem^{o}. Capt. Fellows will not take it —

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be now set at Wheat at 9/

P bushel, and that 12 pence P bushel be allowed to the [**70.**] Bakers for their Charges pains & livelihood, which is computed as follows — Viz^{t}.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4^{d}. Loaf of Brick Bread must weigh - - -	1–	0 –	9
a 4 ditto Brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye Meal d^{o}. -	2–		
4^{d}. ditto not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian Meal - - - -	2.	10	
Biskets of 2 Coppers price - - - - - -	"	6 "	3

M^{r}. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Alms house to be supported at the charge of this Commonwealth one Silvester Hilton a Stranger who has not wherewithall to support herself — Order signed by M^{r}. Dorr & Mackay

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 26. 1782 Present Messrs. Dorr, Scollay, Price, Hubbard, Fellows, Mackay,

The Widow Skillings has liberty to take the Writing of her Sons in the Selectmens Chamber. in a frame to her own House, as her property — the Selectmen having given it to her —

The Selectmen have Agreed to attend the Visitation of the Schools on Wednesday the 10^{t}. of July next, and that a Dinner be provided as usual —

The Town Clerk directed to Notify the Masters of the publick Schools of the time set for the visitation — sent —

The Selectmen have agreed to meet Wednesday next 11 O Clock Forenoon — & the Butchers are to be notified

Capt. Fellows is to pay accordingly to agreement for the improvement of the Towns Land on the Neck 1781 — £15 — Specie — Rent —

[**71.**] The Selectmen have agreed, that such of the Fishermen as occupy Stalls on Dock Square, and decline paying immediately the Rent now due as was affixed by the Selectmen — be directed to remove their Boxes without delay — sent —

Passed upon several Accounts —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 28, 1782 Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Price, Mackay —

On the Petition of a number of the Inhabitants for a Town Meeting to be called, — The Town Clerk was directed to Issue a Warrant for a Meeting Wednesday next 5. O Clock P.M.

Willis & Powers to have the printing of the Notifications for said Meeting —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 3^{d}. 1782 Present Messrs. Dorr, Price, Hubbard, Scollay, Fellows, Mackay,

The Butchers attended —

The Selectmen when they agreed with M^{r}. Spear for Pavement Stones, supposed that M^{r}. Sergeant his Son in Law was concerned with him — but the Company being dissolved, it is determined that M^{r}. Spear bring the first Load & M^{r}. Sergeant the second Lighter Load

The Selectmen having heard the Butchers that occupy the Stalls in Faneuil Hall Market have determined, that in case they pay 50 P cent more for their respective Stalls than was paid for those Stalls in 1774, they may improve the same Stalls upon paying the said Rent monthly, untill the Selectmen order otherwise — and upon their or any of them, refusing to pay as aforesaid, he or they are immediately to quit their Stalls, — and Mr. Nazro is directed to read an attested Copy of this Minute to each of them —

The Fishermen are to pay for their Boxes 3/ P month, from the 5. Day of June last —

[72.] Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen July 4, 1782 Present Messrs: Hubbard, Dorr, Mackay, Fellows, Price

Agreed with Mr. Waort, to dine 70 or 80 Persons on the Day when the Publick Schools are to be visited at 5/ P Man and all the Liquors that shall be drank are to be paid for —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 10, 1782 Present Mess: Scollay, Fellows, Dorr, Frazier, Mackay, Hubbard, Price.

Met at the desire of the Bakers signified by Mr. Edes through Mr. Dorr.

The Bakers by a Committee attended, and after much debate, the Question was asked, whether they apply'ed to the Selectmen for an alteration in the Assize of Bread, — and they answered in the Negative.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 11. 1782 Present Messs. Dorr, Hubbard, Scollay, Frazier, Hubbard, Price,

Mr. Charles Williams Merch^t. chosen Collector proposes Dr. Amos Winship & Daniel Bell Merch^t. as his Bondsmen & they were accepted by the Selectmen — the penal sum £ 10000 —

Mr. William Fallas Gentleman a Collector, proposes John Holland Ship Joyner & Christopher Clark Gentleman as his Bondsmen — who were accepted by the Selectmen

Mr. Thomas Bayley, Gentleman, one of the Collectors for the present Year proposes Ephraim Copeland, & James Bayley Gentlemen as his Bondsmen — and were accepted by the Selectmen —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 12, 1782 Present Messrs Dorr, Hubbard, Scollay, Price

Mr. Daniel Parker Merch^t. one of the Collectors, proposes Jeremiah Bumstead Tayler, Samuel Eliot Junr. Merch^t. as his Bondsmen —

The several Returns made the Collector of Excise for this Town were examined by Harbottle Dorr Esqr. appointed by the Selectmen for that purpose, the Town Clerk assisting thereon —

[73.] The following Return of the Names of the Persons licensed to sell Tea in the Town of Boston pursuant to a late Law of the General Court — continued from April 17 —

	Time when Licensed	Date of Bonds	Penalty.
Thomas Payne Esqr.	May 28	28	£ 100
John Doubledee	30	30	100
David Bray	30	30	100
William Payne	June 7	June 7	100
Thomas Davis	J^{e} 12	12	100
Isaac Colman	July 6	July 6	100

Boston July 12. 1782

The Subscribers hereby Certify that the aforegoing is a true Return of all such Persons as have been Licensed by the Selectmen of said Town to sell Tea, for which they have given bond as directed in a late Act of the General Court. —

JOHN SCOLLAY
GUSTAVUS FELLOWS
HARBOTTLE DORR
EZEKIEL PRICE
TUTTLE HUBBARD
WILLIAM MACKAY
NATHAN FRAZIER
Selectmen of Boston

Mem^{o}. Bonds have been delivered —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 12, 1782. P.M. Present Messrs Scollay, Dorr, Scollay, [*sic*] Fellows, Hubbard, Mackay.

The Petition from a number of Inhabitants relative to the Bakers was laid before the Selectmen and considered.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 15, 1782 Present Messrs Dorr^{e}, Frazier, Price, Mackay, Hubbard.

Mr Dorr^{e} & Frazier a Comm^{ee} to engage Council to Assist the Clerks of the Market in their Suits against the Bakers —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 16, 1782 Present Mess^{s}: Scollay, Dorr, Mackay, Hubbard, Price.

The Committee to procure Council for the Clerks of the Market in their Suit against the Bakers — Report that they had engaged the States Attorney and James Sullavan Esqr. as Council for the purpose aforesaid —

[**74.**] The Town Clerk laid the Collectors Bonds before the Selectmen which were approved of and placed on the files upon the Receit of the Bonds Certificates were given each of the Collectors for the Assessors in order to their receiving the Tax Books —

The following Persons were chosen Jurors for a Maritime Court to be held at Boston July the — — Viz^{t} —

Messrs Abiel Ruddock
William Boardman
Capt. John Kneeland
Daniel Hubbard
Benjamin Clark
Zachary Brigden

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be now set at Wheat at 9/6 p bushel and that 12 pence p bushel be allowed the Bakers for their Charges pains & livelihood, which is computed as follows — Viz^{t}.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
a 4^{d}. Loaf of Brick Bread must weigh	–	15	10
a 4^{d}. ditto Brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye Meal must weigh	2	–	–
4^{d}. ditto not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian must weigh	2	10	–
Biskets of 4 Coppers price	–	11	12

Passed upon the List of Retailers & Inholders and made return of the same

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 22. 1782 Present Messrs. Dorr, Mackay, Hubbard, Scollay, Frazier, Price,

Several Resolves of the General Court & Circular Letters were handed to the Selectmen, which refer to anticipating the Continental Tax & borrowing a Sum of Money, for the purpose of supporting the Continental Army —

The Selectmen having considered the foregoing, gave direction to the Town Clerk to issue a Warrant for calling a [**75.**] Town Meeting Thursday next 3. O'Clock Afternoon.

M^{r}. Gill has the printing of the Notifications.

Parker & Moor, are to be directed by M^{r}. Nazro to attend at the Selectmens Chamber, next Wednesday Afternoon —

M^{r}. Samuel Payson offers himself as a Candidate for an Usher to the South Grammar School in the room of M^{r}. Crosweli who has declined serving —

The Selectmen have desired M^{r}. Frazier to lodge the Receipts he received of the State Treasurer for Monies due to the Town for Clothing &c. with the Town Treasurer —

M^{r}. Nazro directed to see the several Constables to deliver the Warrant for a Town Meeting to one of them & to impress upon them the desire of the Selectmen that their respective Wards may be notified in season —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 24, 1782 Present Mess: Dorr, Fellows, Mackay, Scollay, Frazier.

The following Persons were drawn Jurors for a Maritime Court on the 25 Day of July Inst^{t}. to be held at Boston —

Messrs: John Winnet
Isajah Doan
Gyles Harris
Robert Hitchburne
Nathl. Byfield Lloyd
Elisha Sigorney

Thomas, Negro Sexton attended, and plead ignorance of the Order of the Selectmen respecting Funeral Bells & assured the Selectmen that he followed the direction of M^{r}. Adams Sexton in tolling the old South Bell — but they may depend he will offend in this way no more

[76.] The Selectmen have agreed that Joseph Payson shall have the Building of the South School House, agreable to the terms proposed in his Estimate given in amounting to £290 — as p Copy of said Estimate on file — said Payson is to have the benefit of such Materials belonging to the late School as was saved out of the Fire & can be used in the new Building —

Mr. Parke attended, and declared that he was ready to prove by many Witnesses that it was not the Brick Bell tolled by him contrary to Law — he was told by the Selectmen there was no occasion for his bringing Evidences, but that if he transgressed the Orders of the Selectmen in future, he might be assured the priviledge granted him in the Burial Places would be withdrawn —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 25, 1782 Present Messrs. Dorr, Frazier, Hubbard,

Gave John Larrabee Joiner a Certificate that in the Opinion of the Selectmen he is the proper Person to receive the Wages due to his Son while on board the State Ship Protector Capt. James Foster Williams Commander —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 29. 1782 Present Messrs. Dorr, Price, Hubbard, Scollay, Fellows, Frazier, Mackay

Mr. Scollay having received sometime ago, of Deacon Simkins on Account of Interest due from John Grant who hired part of Brookers Donation, the Sum of fifteen Pounds twelve Shillings in three payments, when Mr. Grants Bond was discharged & a new Bond for the Sum of £ 66 .. 13 .. 4 : — being the same Money was lent to John Sweetser Esqr. and his Bond taken for the same —

The Interest on Grants Bond as aforesaid was given to the following Persons by Mr. Scollay Vizt. —

[77.] Distributed by Mr. Scollay — Vizt.

To Mrs. Richards - - - - -	£ — 12 —	
To Mrs. Johnson - - - - -	£ — 12 —	
To Mrs. Mellony - - - - -	— 18 —	
To Mrs. Hardy - - - - - -	— 12 —	
To Mrs. Martin - - - - -	— 6 —	
		£3 —
Distributed by Mr. Dorr Vizt.		
To the Widow Susannah Clark	£ 1 .. 4 —	
To the Widow Elizabeth Newcomb	.. 18 —	
		2 .. 2 —
Distributed by Mr. Mackay. Vizt.		
To the Widow Lee	£ — 12	
To the Widow Hill	12	
To the Widow Thompson	18	
		2 .. 2 —
Distributed by Mr. Frazier		
To the widow Delaplace	£1. 6. 8	
To the widow Prout	19. 4.	
		2. 6

Distributed by Mr. Price Vizt.		
To the Widow Low - - - - - -		£1 .. 19 .. 4
Distributed by Capt. Fellows Vizt.		
To the Widow Chaise - - - -	£ 1 —	
To the Widow Scott - - - -	1 —	
To Walter Piper - - - - - -	1 —	
	——	3 —
Distributed by Mr. Hubbard		
To Widow Elizabeth Oliver	£ 1 .. 4	
To Widow Lydia Tuffts	.. 18	
	———	2 .. 2 –

Passed upon Accounts —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 31, 1782 Present Messrs. Dorr, Scollay, Mackay, Frazier —

Mr. Benjamin Henderson having produced Receipts for the payment of the Taxes committed to him to Collect, the Town Clerk was directed to deliver him His Bond from the Town Files —

[78.] Mr. Frazier Reported, that he had lodged the Receipts he recd. for Monies due to the Town from the State for Clothing &c furnished by the Town, with Mr. Treasurer Boyer, as by his Receipts on file — being three Receipts in favor of Shaw Sumner & Thompson amo. the whole to £934. 2. 7.

The Bakers a Committee from the Body, attended the Selectmen, and pray'd that the Assize on Bread might be altered in their favor —

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be altered, & that the same be now set at Wheat at 10/ p bushel and that twelve pence p. Bushel be allowed the Bakers for their charges Pains & Livelihood which is computed as follows Vizt. —

	lb.	oz.	dr.
a 4d. Loaf of Brick Bread must weigh		14 ..	14
a 4d. ditto Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal	2		
a 4d. ditto not ½ Indian must weigh	2	10 ..	
Biskets of 4 Copper price - - - -		11 ..	4

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 6. 1782 Present Messrs. Dorr, Hubbard, Scollay, Frazier, Fellows, Mackay, Price.

Met at Deer Island and permitted Mr. Tukesberry to put up a small Sash Lights in the House, and found the Fences in good order —

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 7. 1782 — Present Messrs. Dorr, Price, Hubbard, Frazier, Mackay, Scollay

Passed upon Dr. Whipples State Account amounting in the whole to £680.. 0.. 7d. p Copy on file —

Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for the Town Meeting the 15. of Augt. Inst.

Master Hunt having made application for an Usher in the room of Mr. Croswell who has resigned — the Selectmen have appointed Mr. Samuel Payson as Usher of the South Grammar School, he having been recommended as a suitable Person for that place —

Voted that Mr. John McLane have a draught on the Town Treasurer for £60 — in part for paving work *for ye. Town* to be in July draught —

[79.] The Town Clerk directed to publish an extract of the Law relative to firing on the Neck, complaint having been made thereof by a number of the respectable Inhabitants —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 14. 1782 Present Mess: Scollay, Fellows, Dorr, Frazier, Price, Mackay,

The Selectmen have agreed to allow Mr. Edward Blake One hundred & five pounds to be in full for his doing the Carpenters work finding Stuff & Nails for repairing Faneuil Hall the same to be done in such manner as the Selectmen shall direct —

The Selectmen agree to allow Thomas Osborne Seven Shillings for each Square he sets in, he finding the Glass, also six Pence for cleaning & painting the whole of the Sashes in the Hall Chamber & Stair case

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be altered & that the same be now set at Wheat at 11/ p bush & that twelve Pence p Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood which is computed as follows — Viz^t. —

	lb	dr	oz
A 4^d. Loaf of Brick Bread must weigh		– 13	8
a 4^d. d^o. Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal	2 –	0 –	0
a 4^d. ditto not above ½ Indian	2 –	10	
Bisket of 4 Copper price		– 10 –	6

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 15. Present Scollay Dorr, Frazier, Price,

Mr. Benjamin Cooper approved of as an Inholder at the House he has removed to in Wings Lane —

The Selectmen —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 19, 1782 Present Mess: Scollay, Dorr, Frazier, Price, Mackay, Hubbard —

Approbated several Persons for Licenses hereafter to be entred

[80.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 20. 1782 Present Mess^s. Fellows, Frazier, Scollay, Hubbard —

A Person approbated to Retail, his name &c. hereafter to be entred —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 21. 1782 Present Mess: Scollay, Dorr, Fellows, Price, Mackay —

Mr^s. Sarah Ellingwood approbated to retail in Cross Street

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 22^d. 1782 A.M. Present Messrs. Dorr, & Mackay —

directed a Meeting to be called in the Afternoon —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 22. 1782 P.M. Present Mess: Scollay, Dorr, Frazier Mackay Price

several Persons approbated, whose Names &c. will hereafter be entred —

Capt. Francis Butler having voluntarily engaged to the Selectmen when first approbated, that he would not sell Rum & other Spirits in less quantitys than a Gallon there being a number of Poor Retailers near him — the Selectmen upon further consideration of his said promise, do on his promise now made not to sell less Rum &c. than ½ a Gallo. release him from the former promise made them —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 26. 1782. A.M. Present Messs. Dorr, Mackay, Price, Frazier, Scollay

Passed upon Accounts —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 28. 1782 Present Mess: Dorr, Hubbard, Price, Scollay, Mackay, Hubbard [*sic*]

The Selectmen agree to allow Mrs. Lob, for a Building improved as a Watch house, Seven pounds ten p Annum to commence from the expiration of the last Quarter

The Selectmen took into consideration the time for a visit to Rainsfords Island —

[81.] The Selectmen having acted upon the List of Inholders & Retailers for the last Year see July 16th. the same was returned to Ezekiel Price Esqr. Clerk of the Sessions, with the doings of the Selectmen thereon as p Copy on file — they afterwards considered the Petitions presented, when the following Persons were approbated by the Selectmen — Vizt. —

	Inholders
Joseph Motes	at his House South End
Theodore Bliss	at his House Corn Court
Sarah Loring	at her House Golden Ball
James Rogers	at his House Corn Court
Samuel Champney	at his House Corn Court
William Wittington	at his House North side the Dock
John Motts	at his House South End
Joshua Davis	at his House Milk Street
Rebecca Gray	at his House in State Street
Adam Colson	at his House Marlborough Street
John Trench	at his House —— —— do.
John Tuffts	at his House near So. Writing School
Mary Freeman	at her House near Liberty Tree
Ebenr Graves	at his House near Dr Coopers Church
John Baker	at his House So. Side of the Dock
Phebe Dolbear	at his House at Vernons Wharff
Elizabeth Fennesy	at his House near Deacon Tuders
Alexander McLeoud	at his House the head of Cross Street
Josiah Simpson	at his House Royal Exchange Lane
Thomas Cox	at his House near Merchants Row
Nathaniel Cobbet	at his House near Orange Street
Alexander Robinson	at his House near Dock Square
Sarah Salter	at her House Royal Exchange Lane
Augustus Moor	at his House Sign of Lamb —

Thomas Bradford		at his House Salutation Ferry
Benjamin Cooper - -		at his House Wings Lane
Joshua Bunker - - -		at his House in Ann Street
William Rogers - - -		at his House in Water Street
James Burke - - - -		at his House in Dock Square
Edward Smith		at his House in Wings Lane
[82.] James Youncey	Retailer,	at his Shop in Court Street
Andrew Cunningham	d°.	at his Shop S°. End
James Tate	d°.	South End
John Crawford	d°.	at his Shop Bulls Wharff
John Bryant	d°.	at his House South End
Nathaniel Wait	d°.	at his House Orange Street
Mary Bradley	d°.	Battery March
Charles Anderson	d°.	Blackhorse Lane
Henry Bass	d°.	Orange Street
Henry Swan	d°.	Mill Bridge
Amasa Davis	d°.	near Fortification
John Miller	d°.	Mackrel Lane
John Tayler	d°.	Head of Long Lane
Robert Miller	d°.	Prince Street
Abraham Hunt	d°.	Milk Street
Mary Langford		
Mary McEhoy	d°.	Auchmutys Lane
Sarah Hall	d°.	Middle Street
John Cogswell	d°.	Ditto
Robert Wier	d°.	Olivers Dock
John Ridgway	d°.	Beacon Hill
Elizabeth Ridler	d°.	North Meeting House
John Fairservice	d°.	Orange Street
Samuel Healey	d°.	South End
John Lash	d°.	Head of Webbs Wharff
Mary Scotts	d°.	Auchmutys Lane
Edward Rumley	d°.	South side of the Dock
Sarah Edes	d°.	near Dr. Clarks Shop
Jirah Holbrook	d°.	Bulls Wharff
Rebecca Blake	d°.	
Thomas Paine	d°.	Ann Street
Samuel Lord	d°.	near Vernons Wharff
Ebenezer Brown	d°.	Middle Street
Elizabeth Stibbins	d°.	Hancock Wharff
William Haskins	d°.	Blackhorse Lane
Catharine Thompson	d°.	Middlestreet
William Daws Junr.	d°.	Dock Square
Edward Davis	d°.	State Street
James Green	d°.	Dock Square
Edward Wells	d°.	against Phillips Wharff
Benjamin Walcut	d°.	Olivers Dock
Isaac Colman	d°.	State Street
[83.] George Vincent	d°.	at his Shop Scarlets Wharff
Usley Cook	d°.	
Benjamin Stevens	d°.	Corner of School Street
William Freeland	d°.	Pitts Wharff

John Wise	d°.	North side Town House
David Mason	d°.	Fore Street
Jonathan Cushing	d°.	Charlestown Ferry
Susannah Call	d°.	Temple Street
Michael Burn	d°.	Bulls Wharff
Calvin White	d°.	near Province House
Benjamin Vincent	d°.	Marlborough Street
William Gouch	d°.	South End
Pepperel Tyler	d°.	Haymarket
Nathaniel Patten	d°.	New Boston
Thomas Watson	d°.	Dock Square
Abigail Whitman	d°.	Prince Street
Elizabeth Young	d°.	Temple Street
Agnus Bradley	d°.	Essex Street
John Ingersol	d°.	Wheelwrights Wharff
Samuel Ballard	d°.	Draw Bridge
Richard Wheeling	d°.	Quaker Lane
James Grayham	d°.	S°. Meeting house Lane
John Shepherd	d°.	Butlers Row
Josiah Waters Junr.	d°.	Anchmutys Lane
Ann Love	d°.	Orange Street
Susannah Days	d°.	Quaker Lane
Ephraim May	d°.	Fortification
Felix Mich lassewezthz	d°.	Congress Street
Simeon Wade	d°.	Dock Square
Elizabeth Child	d°.	Fore Street
Thomas Grant	d°.	Fore Street
John Rogers	d°.	Cambridge Street
Sarah Ellingwood	d°.	Cross Street
William Phillips	d°.	Union Street
John Bartlet	d°.	South End
Peter Sigorney	d°.	Fore Street

[84.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 30. 1782 Present Messrs. Dorr, Frazier Scollay, Price, Mackay, Hubbard.

Passed some Accounts —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 30. 1782 Present Mess: Scollay Dorr, Frazier, Price, Mackay

The Town Clerk is directed to issue a Warrant for Town Meeting Tuesday next 10 OClock Forenoon —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sep^{t}. 4. 1782 Present Mess: Scollay Dorr, Price, Frazier, Mackay, Hubbard

The Selectmen this Day went upon their annual Visit to the Hospital at Rainsfords Island, made the necessary examinations, &c —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sep^{t}. 7, 1782 Present Messrs. Dorr, Frazier, Price, Mackay, Fellows, Hubbard

Messrs. Edes & Gill & Fulsom & Draper have the printing of

the Resolutions of the Town Circular Letter & that 200 — be struck off for the Selectmen —

Ordered that the Town Clerk furnish the Constables of each Watch with Orders for their conduct as by Copy on file

Mr. Price appointed to view the South Grammar School, & give such Orders for repairs of Windows &c. as he may Judge proper — and that Mr. Sprague have the mending of the Windows —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sept. 11. 1782 Present Messrs. Dorr, Price, Hubbard, Frazier, Fellows, Mackay

Upon the application of Mr. Cary a Watchman who was lately wounded in the Service of the Town, it was agreed that his pay should be continued during his absence on account of his wound —

The Selectmen have Agreed that upon application in writing the Governor may have the use of the Towns Spades & Pick Axes, a Receipt being given for the number delivered.

[85.] Mr. McLane is to be directed, not to proceed in paving untill the further directions of the Selectmen

Upon the Petition of several Persons, it was determined that the Clock called the Old North Clock be kept in Repair at the charge of the Town —

Mr. Price is to order such Carpenters work to be done at the South Grammar School as he may Judge necessary

Upon Application from the Proprietors of the Old South Church Mr. Price & Mr. Hubbard are a Committee to remove the Engine House from the place it now stands on and erect another at the North part of said Land, to Adjoin Mr. Deblois's Store.

The following Persons were chosen Jurors for a Maritime Court — Viz. —

Mess. John Codman
Samuel May
William Newman
Alexander Hill
Simeon Mayo
John Tylston
Chambers Russel
Benjamin Colman

Mr. John Winthrop having applied for an Assessm. relative to a Drain, it was determined by the Selectmen that they could not make said Assessment —

Mr. Frazier to make Representation to Mr. Breck relative to French Burials —

Mr. Peter Fabre approved to Retail at the Head of Long Wharff —

An advertizement to be published, relative to Vendue Masters [*sic*] given Bond anew

Adjourned to Thursday next 3. OClock. Afternoon

[86.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 12. 1782 Present Messrs. Dorr, Frazier, Price, Mackay Hubbard

The Selectmen met on the business of sending the Resolution of this Town to the respective Towns in this Commonwealth —

Agreable to the requirement of the Governor of this Commonwealth — 47 Spaeds & 59 Pick Axes were delivered Col°. Marisquell he to account for the same agreable to his Receit on the Governors Order, placed on the files &

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 18, 1782. Present Mess: Scollay, Dorr, Price, Mackay, Frazier,

M^r. Boyce has liberty to Erect Posts before His Towns Store, he fixing them as the Selectmen have agreed

Archibold Livingston sent to the Almshouse on acc^t. of the State, Order dated the 16^t, of Sepr. 1782. And signed by M^r. Frazier & Dorr Selectmen & Col°. Procter an Overseer —

M^r. Matthew James Sexton of the Old Brick Church is to continue ring^s. the Bell at 11 OClock —

M^r. Matthew James Sexton of the Old Brick Church applied for liberty to break Ground in the Burial places as has been usual — Liberty was accordingly granted, he conforming to the Regulations of the Selectmen therein —

Capt. Alexander Mackay having applied to the Selectmen for their recommendation as a suitable Person to Retail Rum & other Spirits at his Store in Congress Street — he was accordingly approbated & the Town Clerk directed to furnish him with a Certificate thereof —

The Justices of the Town & the Selectmen are to meet to Morrow at 3 OClock Afternoon to view the Ground in Fish Street at head of Hancock Wharff, on which M^r. Capen is about erecting a Building —

[87.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 19 1782 Present Messrs: Dorr, Price. Mackay, Hubbard, Scollay,

The Selectmen met the major part of the Justices of the Town & proceeded with them to view the Ground in Ship Street owned by M^r. Capen which had been dessolated, and determine as to the placing a Building designed to be erected thereon —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 25, 1782 Present Messrs. Fellows, Dorr, Price, Hubbard, Mackay,

M^r. Hunnewell of Engine N. 9 applys to the Selectmen for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing the Engine to work first at the Fire which lately broke out at the House occupied by M^r. Weaver near Liberty Tree —

Voted, that the same be allowed him — drawn for

Liberty is granted M^r. Lamb & others for taking Dirt from the Common with the direction & orders of Capt. Fellows

Maj^r. Payne is to have the finishing of the New Building upon Rainsfords Island

M^r. Payne is also to make twenty new Cribs for the use of the Hospital

The Town Clerk is directed to make a return of the damages the Inhabitants have sustained by the Enemy into the Secretarys Office, agreable to a Resolve of the General Court passed the 8th. of March 1782 —

Mr. Joseph Sprague is to have the glazing of the New School House —

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 11/ p. Bushel & that 12d. p. bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their charges pains & livelihood which is computed as follows — Vizt —

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4d. loaf of Brick must weigh		13	8,
A 4d. ditto brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal do.	2		
A 4 da. — not above ½ Indian Meal——do.	2	10	
Biskets of 4 Coppers price		10–	6

[88.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 30, 1782 Present Messrs: Scollay, Dorr, Frazier, Mackay, Price

Voted that the Pavements in Back Street near Colo. Syms should be mended —

Voted, that Mr. Dorr & Mackay be a Commee to order necessary Repairs to North Grammar School & that ye Vault be cleared —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 2d. 1782. — Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Mackay, Price, Fellows, Hubbard.

Passed on Accounts —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 9. 1782 Present Messrs. Dorr, Mackay, Hubbard,

Boston Ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 11, 1782 Present Messrs. Fellows, Dorr, Scollay, Mackay

Mr. Alexander Hill informs that he has received into his House one Susannah Tarbox of Lynn — the 23d. of September last —

Capt. Fellows appointed to take as many Bricks from the Magazine & have them cleaned as shall be necessary for the New School —

Voted. that the charge of taking care of the New Brick Clock be defrayed by the Town, in which winding up is included —

Passed upon sundry Accounts —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 14. 1782 Present Messrs. Price, Mackay, Frazier & Scollay —

The Ship Fox Capt. Pote from the Grenades, having had the Small Pox on board since they left the Grenades Dr. Whipple was directed to go on board & make examination who Reported that having examined & made enquiry as directed — he found the Small Pox had not been on board since they left the West Indies, and that in his Opinion the Vessell, & Cargo were free from any Infection —

[89.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 16. 1782 Present Messs. Dorr, Price, Hubbard, Scollay, Mackay —

Procter & Lowel approbated as Auchtioneers

The Selectmen having been applied to, that the Bell at the Old South may be omitted ringing untill Monday next, as a Daughter

of Mrs. Coffin who lives near said Meeting House is very ill & is much disturbed by the ringing — directions were given to omit the same till Monday next.

Messrs. Proctor & Lowel proposes Capt. William Brown & Norton Brailsford as their Bondsmen as Auchtioneers for the present Year commencing the 23d. of March last — which were approved of —

Mr. Scollay & Mr. Frazier on the application of Mr. Tod & Mr. Coolidge, for altering a Water course at New Boston were appointed to view the same & make Report —

Capt Robbins having applied to the Selectmen relative to damages done by Water at the bottom of Summer Street — Mr. Price & Mr. Hubbard were appointed to examine the same & make Report relative thereto —

Mr. Price appointed to make enquiry relative to a Child of the name of Pitt, who has been under the care of Capt Small

Suffolk } To the Honble the Justices of the Peace of the Town of
Boston } Boston and to the Gentlemen the Selectmen of said Town —

The Subscribers represent that a desolation has happened of some Buildings adjoining on Ship Street at the North End of Boston, and as the said Street where said Buildings stand is very narrow, and so confined that it was often hazardous to the Inhabitants passing that way — they therefore desire that the said Way may be enlarged and made more convenient —

John Ballard
Joshua King
Boston September 19. 1782. Nathl. Baker
William Brown
Joab Hunt —

At a Meeting of a major part of the Justices and Selectmen of the Town of Boston on the 19th [**90.**] of September Anno Domini 1782 —

Agreeable to the foregoing Request, and upon view & consideration of the Premises —

A line was run from the Southerly Corner of the House on Ship Street occupied by Thomas Grant at the Corner of Lees Wharff to the Northerly Corner of the front Brick Wall of the House belonging to the Heirs of John Jeffries Esq. formerly the Mitre Tavern so called —

The Land without said Line the said Justices & Selectmen State and lay out into the publick Streets or High Way

Edmund Quincy
Belcher Noyes
Thomas Crafts
Ezekiel Price
Justices of the Peace.

John Scollay
Harbottle Dorr
William Mackay
Tuthil Hubbart [*sic*]
Selectmen of Boston.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 23^{d}. 1782 Present Messrs. Dorr, Mackay, Hubbard, Scollay, Price

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 11/ P bushel, & that 12^{d}. P bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges, Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows, Viz^{t}. —

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4^{d}. Loaf of Brick must weigh		13–	8
A 4^{d}. Ditto brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye Meal	2–		
A 4^{d}. Ditto not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian Meal - - - - - - - -	2–	10–	
Bisket of 4 Copper price - - - - - - - - - - - - - -		10–	6

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 28, 1782 Present Messrs. Dorr, Mackay, Price, Frazier, —

Capt. Fellows appointed to order Repairs to the South Watch House

[**91.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 29. 1782. A.M. Present Messrs: Dorr, Price, Frazier, Mackay, Hubbard, Scollay

M^{r}. Frazier applied to the Selectmen for a return of the hires & bounty of the 3 & 5 months Militia Men for 1781 —

Adjourned to the Afternoon —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 29. 1782. P.M. Present Messrs: Scollay Dorr, Price, Frazier, Mackay, Hubbard

Col^{o}. Proctor Capt. Wise attended, upon the business of the Morning — the same not being compleated, Adjourned to Wednesday next 3 O'Clock P. M.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 30. 1782. A.M. Present, Messrs: Dorr.

M^{r}. Dorr together with the Town Clerk Examined the several Returns of the Wards in this Town relative to the damages sustained by the Enemy since 1775. and found the Sum total as by particular Accounts deposited in a small Box amounted in the whole to Three hundred twenty one thousand nine hundred fifty six Pounds thirteen Shillings — An Abstract of which was taken & returned into the Secretarys Office agreable to a Resolve of the General Court — passed last March — Mem^{o}. dld. to M^{r}. Pierce keeper

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octr. 30. 1782. P.M. Present Messrs: Scollay, Dorr, Price, Hubbard —

Passed upon accounts

Adjourned to to Morrow 9 OClock Morning

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 31 1782 A.M. Present Messrs. Dorr, Hubbard, Scollay, Price, Mackay.

The Selectmen made Return to the General Court of the five months Men which were mustered by the Muster Master as this Towns proportion of Men to do duty at New Port under the

Orders of Capt. Raymond Gascerd Boi — bieng sixteen Men, and the Monies paid them by the several Captains who procured them amounting to £ 290 — as p particulars on file

[92.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 6. 1782 Present Mess: Dorr, Price, Mackay, Scollay —

Capt. Hunt of Engine No. 2. proposes John Cade & Jacob Clough in the room of Henry Swift, & Thomas Badger deceased, as suitable Persons for their Engine Compy. which were approved of by the Selectmen —

Capt. Joab Hunt of Engine N. 2. applies for the Premium allowed by the Town, for bringing their Engine to work first on the Fire which lately broke out at the House occupied by Mr. Chaffin a Brewer in White Bread Alley, North End — Granted by the Selectmen — (drawn for in Octor. draft)

Paul Farmer Keeper of the Alms house was directed to receive into said Hospital to be supported at the Charge of this Commonwealth one William Magget a sick Stranger, who is not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Commonwealth, neither has he wherewithall to support himself — Order signed by two of the Selectmen — Vizt Harbottle Dorr Esqr. & Ezekiel Price Esqr.

Mr. Nazro is directed to order the ringing of the Bells of the Town for two Hours after the arrival of Count Reuchambou & his Suit —

Passed upon Accounts —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 7, 1782, A.M. Present Messrs. Dorr, Fellows, Mackay, Hubbard, Scollay, Frazier, Price,

A Resolve of the General Court, impowering & directing the Selectmen to provide Quarters for the General & Staff Officers of the French Army &c — was laid before the Selectmen, whereupon a Memorial was sent to the General Court as by Copy thereof on file —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novemr. 7. 1782 P.M. Present Messrs. Dorr,

The Draught was examined and then delivered in to the Town Treasurer —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 9. 1782 Present Messs: Scollay, Fellows, Dorr, Price, Frazier, Mackay, Hubbard,

[93.] Another Resolve of the General Court relative to providing Quarters for the French General Officers, was laid before the Selectmen

Edward Green Esqr. appointed by the Selectmen to provide Quarters for the General Officers & Staff of the French Army that are expected in Town, agreable to the Resolves of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth — as by Copy of Directions on file —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 13. 1782 Present Messrs. Dorr, Hubbard, Mackay, Fellows, Price, Scollay,

The Selectmen upon the application of Col^{o}. Brewer on Dock Square, have permitted him to take one of the Town Lamps he having engaged to return the same when called for by the Selectmen, or to make good the value thereof in case it should be broken — the Lamp to be placed before his House

The Committee appointed to Order the necessary Repairs to the North Grammar School are desired to do the same to the North Writing School —

M^{r}. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse was directed to receive into said Hospital to be supported at the charge of this Commonwealth one Fanny Pit a Child of one Pit a Stranger who is now out of the State, & nothing left behind to support the Child — Order signed by two of the Selectmen Viz^{t}. — M^{r}. Scollay & M^{r}. Price. —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 20. 1782 Present Messrs. Dorr, Mackay, Frazier, Scollay, Hubbard,

A Committee from the Body of Fire Wards, attended & entered a Complaint against Obediah Curtis Master of Engine N. 9. for his behavior at the late Fire —

Whereupon M^{r}. Nazro was directed to desire his attendance this Afternoon —

The Selectmen upon application made by several of the Inhabitants, have determined to make choice of a suitable Person, to warn Negros & others to depart the Town —

[**94.**] Upon the application of M^{r}. Green relative to the Pump on Dock Square — have agreed to afford him all the aid in the necessary Repairs of said Pum? — which any law or order of the Town will Justify —

Agreed to consider the expediency of a Town Meeting for the choice of Wardens for the remainder of the Year agreable to a late Act — next Monday —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 21. 1782 Present Mess: Frazier, Price, Hubbard, Mackay,

Six extra Jurors chosen

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 23. 1782 Present Messrs. Dorr, Frazier, Hubbard, Mackay, —

A Recommendation of the Governor & Council for providing Quarters for one thousand of the French Troops was given in to the Selectmen — whereupon Orders were given Edward Green Esqr. as by Copy on file

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novem^{r}. 25. 1782 Present Messrs. Mackay, Dorr, Hubbard, Scollay, Frazier,

M^{r}. Curtis attended & was heard by the Selectmen one Gentleman of the Committee from the Fire Wards being present —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novem^{r}. 27. 1782

Present Messrs. Dorr, Mackay, Scollay, Fellows, Hubbard, Frazier,

M^{r}. William Daws Senr. informed the Selectmen that he has let a Chamber in his House to one Hannah Gray of Salem a virtuous Woman, who works for her living — she came to his House the 1st. of this month —

M^{r}. John Mein applys to the Selectmen, that the incroachments made on his Land, may be ascertained & removed —

Voted unanimously that Capt. Curtis of Engine N°. 8 be dismissed as Master, for disobedience to the Orders of the Fire Wards, which appeared even by his own confession —

[**95.**] Passed upon a number of Accounts —

It is agreed to meet on Monday next 3. O Clock in order to pass the Town Clerks Account —

The Town Clerk is directed to issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting Wednesday next 10 OClock Forenoon —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 1. 1782 Present Messrs. Frazier, Price, Hubbard,

On the Application of the French Quarter Master General Voted, that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant to the Constables to warn the Inhabitants to meet at Faneuil Hall 10. OClock Fore Noon —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 2^{d}. 1782 Present Messrs. Dorr, Hubbard, Frazier, Price, Mackay

The Selectmen upon application from M^{r}. Jean Jutau have appointed this Afternoon to act upon it —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 2^{d}. 1782 P.M. Present Messrs. Dorr, Price, Frazier, Mackay

The Selectmen approve of M^{r}. Jean Jutau French Gentleman for a License as Auchtioneer, who proposes Samuel Breck Esqr. & William Brick as Bondsmen, *who* were approved of by the Selectmen — & Licensed accordingly

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 4. 1782 Present Messrs. Dorr, Frazier, Mackay, Scollay,

M^{r}. Paul Farmer was requested to take into the Almshouse to be supported at the charge of this Commonwealth one James Riley a Stranger & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this State neither has he wherewithall to support himself — Order Signed by M^{r}. Scollay & Capt. Mackay —

Capt. Joseph Lovering appointed Master of Engine N. 8. in the room of Capt. Curtis dismissed, & the Clerk is directed to furnish Orders accordingly —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 5. 1782 Present Messrs. Dorr, Scollay, Mackay, Price, Frazier

Town Clerk directed to issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting Saturday next. 10. OClock Forenoon

[96.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 7, 1782. Present Messrs. Fellows, Dorr, Frazier, Hubbard, —
Passed upon some Accounts to be included in Novemr. draught

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 10. 1782 Present Mess: Scollay Dorr, Frazier, Mackay, Price
Met at the Senate Chamber, to know when the French General would be waited upon with the Address of the Town

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 11. 1782 Present Mess: Scollay Fellows Dorr, Frazier Mackay Price Hubbard
This Day the Selectmen waited upon Baron Viomeni General & Commander of the French Forces, together with the other Gentlemen of the Committee, with congratulory Address agreable to ye. Order of the Town

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 11, 1782 Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Mackay, Hubbard, Price, Frazier,
The following endorsement was made on the Warrant drawn on Thomas Ivers Esqr. Treasurer of this Commonwealth for the pay of the Six months Men for 1780 — Vizt.

Sir
Please to pay unto Capt. Alexander Hodgden the Sum mentioned in the within Warrant being £110 .. 17 .. 5 he to pay the same to the several Persons born on the annexed Rolls and to be accountable for the same —

JOHN SCOLLAY Chairman p Order

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed by an Order dated July 29. 1782 signed by Mr. Dorr & Capt. Mackay to receive a Child of one Sylvester Hinton a Stranger & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this State — Also directed March 1 — 1782. one Sarah Dockan & Sarah Jennison — Novr. 30 — to receive one Peggy Denyson & Octor. 26 a Child of one Thomas Mitchels, all Poor Strangers and not Inhabitants of any Town in this Commonwealth
Mr. Price appointed to order Repairs to Master Hunts School House

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 18, 1782 Present Messrs. Fellows, Dorr, Price, Frazier —
Mr. Holland of Engine N. 5. applies for the Premium for their Engine working first at the Fire in Pudden Lane — which was granted — John Weyer the Cryer is to be directed to come before the Selectmen next Wednesday —
The Town Clerk directed to write & recommend Engine Comy. * No 8 to have a Meeting to agree with respect to a Mas —

[97.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 24. 1782 Present Messrs. Dorr, Frazier, Mackay, Hubbard —
Mr. Wear the Town Cryer appeared, and expressed his concern

for crying a Town Meeting for the choice of Wardens without the direction of the Selectmen — whereupon, it was Voted by the Selectmen that this being the first offence of the kind, it shall be passed over —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^r. 27. 1782 Present Messrs. Dorr, Price.

John Connor proposed at the last Meeting to renew his Bonds as Auchtioneer his last Bonds being expired, — and he was approbated accordingly —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^r. 30, 1782 Present Messrs. Fellows, Dorr, Frazier, Mackay, Scollay, Hubbard, Price,

John Conner proposes Thomas Watson Trader & James Welch Inholder for his Bondsmen as Auchtioneers if approved of by the Selectmen — and they were accordingly approved of —

The Selectmen passed upon a State Account of William Dorrington deceased, amounting to the Sum of £49- 19 —

Passed upon Accounts —

The following were chose Jurors for a Maritime Court — Viz^t. —

Messrs. Samuel Conent
Nathaniel Paine
Benjamin Burt
Daniel Hubbard
Nathaniel Balch
Alexander Hodgden
Isaiah Doane
William Pierce

[98.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 31, 1782 Present Messrs. Frazier, Mackay, Hubbard, Price, Fellows,

The Selectmen have directed that the Bell of the Old Brick be rung at One & 9. OClock till the further order of the Selectmen. —

M^r. Farrington is permitted to take up the platform within the Wall at the Fortification to repair the Abutment which is to be done at his own expence

The Town Clerk is directed to publish an Advertizement in the name of the Selectmen, offering a reward of fifty Dollars to the Person who shall inform who took a number of Stones from the Fortification so as that the Offenders may be brought to Justice

M^r. Nazro is directed to desire M^r. Mayes the Keeper of the Hay Engine, to be at the Selectmens Chamber at their Meeting Wednesday next —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 1. 1783 Present Messrs. Frazier, Price, Mackay, Dorr, Scollay.

M^r. Paul Farmer was desired to permit Lydia Hodgets to leave the Alms house with such things as belongs to her —

The Selectmen recommend to Mr. Carter, the receiving into his School for Instruction a Nephew of Mr. Pennel Bowns & a Brother of Dr. Crockers —

Mr. Dorr & Capt. Mackay a Committee to desire as to the covering of some Wells in the Town left open to the endangering the Limbs & Lives of the Inhabitants they are also to enquire out the Owners in order to recover the Charge

Capt. Elias Robinson of Engine N. 3. applys for the premium allowed by the Town for playing first with their Engine at the Fire which lately broke out at the Mills — drawn for

[**99.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 2d. 1783. Present Messrs. Scollay, Frazier, Price,

Complaint entered with the Selectmen against a House said to be owned by Madam Apthorp, & occupied by a number of Negros, who are disorderly & the Chimnies in a state which makes the rekindling Fires therein dangerous —

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed by an order signed by two of the Selectmen Vizt. Mr. Scollay & Frazier, to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the charge of this State one Margaret Kennedy a Stranger who has not wherewithall to support herself — Order dated the 31st. of December & signed by Isaac Smith an Overseer —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 6. 1783 Presents Messs. Scollay Dorr, Frazier, Price, Mackay, Hubbard

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 11/ p bushel, and that 12d p bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows, Vizt. —

	lb.	oz.	dr.
a 4d. Loaf of white Brick Bread. must weigh	–	13	8
a 4d. ditto brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal	2	–	–
a 4d. ditto brown Bread ½ Indian Meal	2–	10	–
Bisket of 4 Copper price		10–	6

Passed upon the several Accounts for providing Quarters for the French Officers &c. agreable to the Resolves of the General Court on the 5 & 7. of Novemr last amounting to £8 .. 8 .. 6 —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 8. 1783 Present Mess: Dorr, Mackay, Price, Frazier, Hubbard, —

Passed upon Paul Farmers State Accounts amounting as by Copys on file to £901– 19– 1– & £57. 5 .. 11 ¾.

Voted. that the Brick Bell cease from ringing and that the Old South Bell be rung as usual —

[**100.**] The Selectmen have appointed next Monday Afternoon to consider & determine, on Mr. Peter Greens Petition, to be an Auchtioneer —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 11. 1783 Present Messrs. Frazier, Hubbard, Mackay, Price

The following Persons were chose Jurors for a Maritime Court — Viz^{t}. —

Mess. Joseph Robey Junr.
Thomas Amory
Capt. Thomas Adams
Oliver Brewster
Thomas Hitchbourn
Simon Eleot

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 13. 1783 — Present Messrs. Dorr, Hubbard, Frazier — Price, Scollay

The December Draught examined & compared by M^{r}. Dorr —

Peter Green is approbated as an Auchtioneer

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 15. 1783 Present Messrs. Frazier, Fellows, Price, Scollay —

M^{r}. Peter Green proposes Levy Done Mariner, & Jonathan Nutting Merch^{t}. as his Bondsmen, who were approved of by the Selectmen —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 16. 1783 Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Frazier, Mackay, Price,

M^{r}. Robert Hitchbourn approbated by the Selectmen as a Retailer for the remainder of the Year, at a House in Ann Street at the bottom of Cross Street —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 22^{d}. 1783 Present Messrs. Frazier, Hubbard, Price,

[**101.**] Josiah Waters Senr. attended, and offers to paint Faneuil Hall, upon such terms as may be agreed upon —

The Wife of Nathaniel Jennison applys to the Selectmen for some relief for her Family, he formerly belonged to Portsmouth —

Col^{o}. Procter attended & desired to be informed what the Selectmen apprehended should be done with the Cartridges of Powder in the hands of the Militia Officers —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 27. 1783 Present Messrs. Scollay, Price, Dorr, Frazier. Mackay

M^{r}. Lovering presented Josiah Wheeler & John Stimpson for Engine Men for the Engine under his Command in the room of Elijah Marsh & Obediah Curtis —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 29. 1783 Present Mess^{s}. Scollay Fellows Hubbard Mackay —

Col^{o}. Procter & Maj^{r}. Melville from the Firewards applied that Sleds may be provided for the Engines

M^{r}. Hunnewell of Engine N. 4. applied for the Premium allowed by the Town, for bringing his Engine to work first at the Fire which lately broke out near the Sign of the Lamb, which was granted accordingly by the Selectmen — drawn for

Voted that the matter of Sleds for the Engines be left with the Firewards & the Captains of the Engine

M^r. Robert Hews applys for a quarter part of the Stalls in the Market —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 5. 1783 Present Mess^s. Scollay, Hubbard. Fellows, Frazier

[**102.**] Mr. Nazro is directed to order M^r. Newman the Constable of New Boston Watch, to attend at the Selectmen's Chamber next Wednesday Afternoon —

The Selectmen signed & delivered M^r. Edward Green their Account, against the Commonwealth for providing Quarters for the French Officers &^c. since the last Account given in amounting as p Copy on file to £94. 6 —

Passed upon several Town Accounts —

Passed upon Joseph Newells State Account amounting £6. 17. 6 — as p Copy on file —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 12. 1783 Present Messrs. Dorr, Mackay, Price Hubbard, Scollay, Frazier,

M^r. Jonas Welch was approved of as a Retailer of Spirits at his House in Prince Street near Charlestown Ferry

Nathl. Foster informs the Selectmen that one Mercy Hall of Medford who has lived in his House as a Servant now proves to be far gone with Child — He therefore prays that the Selectmen would take such steps as the Law directs in order to her being sent from hence to Medford —

M^r. Newman Constable of the New Boston Watch attended and was enquired of as to the Watch bieng asleep the other Night as had been represented to the Selectmen — he reply'd that he knew not of any such neglect, and should be very careful that there be no Just cause of complaints of this kind for the future —

Capt. Scollay & Capt. Fellows a Comm^ee. to apply to Col^o. Hatch for the Rent of a Blacksmiths Shop on the Towns Burying Ground at the bottom of the Common

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 19. 1783 Present Messrs: Dorr, Scollay, Frazier, Hubbard —

The use of Faneuil Hall is granted to the Deacons who have the disposal of the Quarterly Charities, for their Meeting March next

[**103.**] Ordered, the 12th. Instant that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 11/ p bushel & that 12^d. p bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Viz^t —

	lb.	oz.	dr.
a 4^d. loaf of Brick Bread white, must weigh		13	–8
a 4^d. ditto brown Bread 3/4 Wheat 1/4 Rye Meal	2 ..	–	–
a 4^d. ditto brown Bread 1/2 Indian Meal	2 ..	10	–
Biskets of 4 Copper price	–	10 ..	6

The Selectmen have agreed to purchase a Bull of Oliver Wendell Esqr. for to go on the Common, provided his price be agreeable —

Mr. Carter having informed that the late Rains had filled the School House Well, Mr. Price & Mr. Hubbard are appointed to take Orders concerning it —

Mr. Dorr a Committee to furnish Mr. Carters Writing School with 60 Ink Stands

Boston Ss:

Mr. Scollay Reported that he had distributed the whole of the Money Collected March 6. 1780 for Christopher Monk as p Minute Book of that date — the Sum being three hundred thirty two pounds fourteen Shillings & 1d. Old Money — the particulars of which he exhibited to the Selectmen —

Sent Samuel Henshaw Esqr. Collector of Excises for the County of Suffolk, David Mason Esqr. & Ephriam Mayes Bonds for the Sale of Tea &c. — p Mr. Nazro —

Sent the Treasurer of this Commonwealth by Mr. Nazro Parkman & Hickley, William Greenleaf Esqr. & Jean Jutaus Bonds as Auchtioneers —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 25, 1783 Present Messrs. Dorr, Scollay, Mackay, Fellows Price

[104.] Mr. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Alms house was directed to receive into said House one John Derricks a sick Dutchman not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Commonwealth & who has not wherewithall to support himself—

Mr. Bartho. Nations applies for liberty to Erect a Fish Box at the Neck — liberty was granted & Mr. Price appointed to direct as to placing the Box —

The Selectmen have agreed to leave the Rent of the Blacksmith Shop on the So Burial Ground to be settled by two Men —

Mr. Ebenr. Dorr to be in behalf of the Selectmen — & Mr. Scollay & Capt. Fellows the Commee. aforesaid to be also a Commee. to order such addition to the Fence as to prevent Carriages passing over the Common —

Mr. Nazro is directed to call upon the Sextons to wait upon such Persons as have Tombs, in the Burial Ground, & inform them that the Selectmen expect they repair the fences near them —

The Town Clerk is directed to publish an Advertisemt. to prevent any Persons going over the Common with Carriages —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of Justices & Overseers &c. Present Mess: — as p Copy on file

A Walk or Visitation of the Town agreed upon to be taken —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 25, 1783 Present Mess: Scollay, Dorr, Fellows, Mackay, Hubbard —

Lodged in the Powder House on the Towns Acco. five Boxes of Musket Cartridges recd. from the following Capts. Vizt.

Capt. Robert Davis
Capt. Belcher
Capt. Loring

Capt. Wells
Capt. Marston as P Deacon Fosters
Receit on file. —

The Chairman & Capt. Fellows a Commte. to prosecute any Persons who have broke Ground on the Marsh or Creek on the Neck —

[105.] A Letter wrote the Keeper of the Workhouse requesting that he would spread the Dirt laid near the Common upon the same as shall be most beneficial

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 26. 1783 Present Messrs. Dorr, Scollay Price Mackay Hubbard, Frazier,

John Pitts Esqs. applys to the Selectmen for liberty to open a Drain from his House into the Common Shore —

The Assessors aquaint the Selectmen that the Tax Bills will be ready to be delivered next Week —

Town Clerk directed to issue a Warrt. for Town Meeting March next being the 5 —

Mr. Russel

Boston Ss. At a meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 28, 1783 Present Mess: Dorr, Scollay

The Overseers attended & made return of the State of their respective Wards

Mr. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse was directed to receive into said House to be supported at the charge of this Commonwealth one Hannah Thonhal who is a Stranger & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this State neither has she wherewithall to support herself —

Order signed by Mr. Scollay & Dorr.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 5. 1783 Present Messrs: Dorr. Price, Scollay, Mackay, Hubbard,

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Alms house to be supported at the charge of this Commonwealth one Michael Conden a Stranger & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this State, neither has he wherewithall to support himself — Order signed by two of the Selectmen Vizt Mr. Scollay & Mr. Price.

Mr. Robert Hews has encouragement to have the first Stall in the Market that becomes Vacant, leased to him —

[106.] The Town Clerk directed to issue a Warrant for the March Meeting on Monday next being the 10th Instant

Voted, that the printing of the Notifications be given to Mr. Powers

Voted that Mr Dorr & Capt Mackay be a Commee to wait upon the Revd Mr Eleot and request his opening the Town Meeting with Prayer

The Town Clerk was directed to give a Certificate to the Assessors that the Selectmen have no objections to the Tax Books now ready bieng delivered to the present Collectors —

The Collection at this Days Meeting amounting to fifty-eight Shillings & one penny is put into the hand of Capt. Mackay to be

distributed to Mr. Green & Patterson forty Shillings to Mr. Green and the remainder to Mr. Patterson —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 12, 1783 Present Messrs Dorr, Greenough, Jeffries, Price, Scollay, Hubbard, Mackay

Voted, that an Arm Chair & seven other Leather Chairs are procured for the Selectmens Chamber & the Hall —

Mr. Price & Mr. Hubbard a Committee to procure them —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 19. 1783 Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Jeffries, Price, Greenough, Hubbard —

The following Persons were drawn Jurors for a Maritime Court — Vizt.

Messrs: Henry Hill
John Bradford Junr.
John Winthrop
John Simpkins
Samuel Dashwood
Hector McNeil
Lemuel Cravath
Mungo Mackay

[107.] Passed upon Capt. Samuel Lahas, State Account amounting as by Copy on file to £228 – 2 – 10 —

Memo. of Bonds & Notes due on Mrs. Joana Brookers Donation — Vizt —

John Sweetser - - - - - - - -	£66 ··	15 —	
John Fullerton - - - - - - - -	43 ··	5. 4	
George Minot - - - - - - - - -	250 ··	——	
Thomas Cartwright - - - - - - -	62 ..	0. 7	
State Note - - - - - - - - - -	38 ..	6. 11	
Town Treasurer - - - - - - - -	414 ..	2 1	
			£874 ·· 9 ·· 11

Principle & Interest due 1s. March 1783 —

Original amount of the Donation —

John Grants Bond - - - - - -	£66 ..	13 .. 4	
Town Treasurer 3 Notes - - -	424 ..	6 .. 8	
George Minots Bond - - - -	200 ··	——	
John Fullerton, ditto - - - -	40 ··	——	
Thomas Cartwright do - - -	60 ··	——	
3 State Notes - - - - - - -	30 ··	——	
			£821 – –
		Balance,	£53 ·· 9 ·· 11

Mr. Scollay is desired to receive of the Town Treasurer the sum of forty five Pounds in order to be distributed —

The Selectmen approve of Joseph Hutchins as an Ingine Man for Engine N. 6. George Ridgway Master in the room of John Ridgways become blind

The Town Clerk is directed to write a Letter to the Selectmen of Norten, that Robert Caddall is a Stranger & not a Innhabitant of this Town —

The Selectmen having considered the price of the Flour

[108.] Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be now set at Wheat at 11/ p bushel, and that 12d. p bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood which is computed as follows — Vizt —

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4d Loaf of white Brick Bread must weigh - - -		13	8
a 4d do brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal - - -	2	—	—
a 4d. do. brown Bread not above ½ Indian - - -	2	10	—
Biskets of 4 Copper price - - - - - - - - - -		10	6

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 26. 1783 Present Messrs: Dorr, Grenough, Mackay, Jeffries, Price, Scollay, Hubbard

A Warrant has been received from the Judge of Probates for the County of Suffolk to enquire into the Circumstances of John Melledge, represented as a Lunatick or distracted Person & incapable of taking care of his Person or Estate

Mr. Collector Thompson having applied to the Selectmen for the taking up his Bonds as Collectors for the Years 1779 – 1780 & 1781 — and having produced Receipts in full from the several Treasurers the Clerk was directed to deliver him, said Bonds —

Mr. Champney of Engine N. 11 presents Irah Holbrook as an Engine Man in the room of Thomas Powell unable to discharge his duty

The Selectmen have agreed, that Mr. Tukesbury shall have Deer Island Leased to him for the present Year for £50 — he to keep the Building & Fencing in Repair & leave them so at the expiration of the Year, as also to pay all Taxes —

Mr. Jesse Houghton Sexton of the Old South has liberty to break Ground in the several Burial Places in this Town

Ordered that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting on Monday the 7t. Day of April next, being the 1t. Monday in April — for the choice of Governor Luevetenant Governor Senators

[109.] Mr. Coverly to have the printing of the Notifications —

Mr. Scollay & Mr. Jeffries - - - a Committee to wait upon Revd. Mr. Eckley and desire him to open Town Meeting with Prayer —

The Chairman & Mr. Jeffries a Committee to prosecute the Trespassers on the Neck — also a Committee to widen the Street near Consert Hall.

Mr. Price & Mr. Hubbard a Committee to repair one of the Walls between Dr. Cooks Land & the Land near School house —

Mr. Dorr Capt. Mackay & Deacon Grenough a Committee to give orders for repairing the Streets leading to Winnesimit Ferry —

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen March 30. 1783. Present Mess: Dorr, Price, Mackay, Grenough, Jeffries, Scollay,

Passed upon a number of Accounts

The Selectmen having received a Warrant from the Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk to enquire into the Circumstances of John Melledge Represented by His Friends as incapable of managing his affairs — and having made enquiry accordingly, Reported to the Judge that they apprehended him to be a Person uncapable of managing & having the care of his Estate and other Affairs —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 2d. 1783 Present Messrs. Grenough, Mackay, Jeffries, Hubbard, Price,

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Alms House to be supported at the charge of this Commonwealth one Sarah Stell Wife of Gideon Stell who is abroad, both being Strangers & not Inhabitants of any Town in the Commonwealth, and she unable to support herself & being near her time — Order signed by two of the Selectmen Vizt. Capt. Mackay & Deacon Grenough —

[**110.**] Mr. Benjamin Sumner Junr. one of the Collectors of Taxes for the Year 1777. 1778. 1779. 1780. 1781 & having produced Receipts in full from the several Treasurers for payment of the Taxes of said six Years — the Town Clerk was directed to deliver him said Bonds —

Mr. Alexander Thomas chosen one of the Collectors of Taxes for the present Year, proposes Capt. Elias Parkman & Colo. William Burbeck as his Bondsmen —

Passed upon John Jones State Account amounting as P Copy of Account to £15 – 8 –

Parkman & Hinckley applys to the Selectmen for a License as an Auchtioneer the ensuing Year —

George Ridgway Master of Engine N. 6. applys to the Selectmen in behalf of the Engine Company for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing their Engine to work first on the Fire which lately broke out at Mr. Gould the Barbers house in Southwicks Court — which was granted by the Selectmen — & drawn for

The Selectmen agree to the condition for widening the Street near Concert Hall as mentioned in Mr. Scollays Letter on file —

Passed upon sundry Accounts —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 9. 1783 Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Grenough, Price, Mackay, Jeffries —

Mr. John Jutau applies to the Selectmen to be again Licensed as an Auchtioneer — & proposes Samuel Breck Esqr. & William Breck Mercht.

Master Vinal has liberty to have a Closset built in his School to keep his Globes in —

Deacon Jeffries & Mr. Hubbard appointed a Committee to provide a Place to keep the Bulls in —

[**111.**] It is agreed that the Old South Bell shall be rung at 9. O Clock, and the Old Brick Bell at 1. O Clock —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 10. 1783 Present Messrs. Dorr, Jeffries, Grenough, Mackay, Price,

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 16. 1783 — Present Mess: Dorr, Grenough, Scollay, Mackay, Jeffries, Price, Hubbard

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be now set at Wheat at 8/ p bushel and that 12d p bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood which is computed as follows vizt —

	lb.	oz.	dr.
a 4d. Loaf of white Brick Bread must weigh	1:	2:	10
a 4d. brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	2:	8:	—
a 4d. ditto not above ½ Indian	3:	—	—
Biskets of 2 — Copper price	—	6:	14

The Selectmen having considered the request of Mr. Skillen & other Inhabitants respecting widening Sallutation Alley so called — have agreed to call a Meeting of the Justices 4. O Clock Afternoon —

Voted that Dr. Thomas Welch have a suit of Clothes as has been usual to allow the Orators on the 5t. of March —

Mr. Dorr & Capt. Mackay a Committee to provide the same

Mr. Scollay and Deacon Jeffries a Committee to view the Hospital at West Boston, and order such repairs &c. as may be necessary to make it fit for the reception of the sick

Acted upon the List of Jurors

Mr. Elisha Byles applies to the Selectmen for liberty to teach some Children in writing &c. and received their approbation —

Mr. Nazro to acquaint Mr. Curtis, that he must lay before the Selectmen next Wednesday, a list of the Persons who own Tombs in the Chappel Burying Grounds the Common & North Burial Grounds —

[**112.**] The Town Clerk directed to write Benjamin Collerel, of Roxbury relative to his tresspass on the Neck — A Letter was accordingly wrote as p Copy on file.

The Clerk is to make out a number of Accounts against Persons for covering their Wells as by Memo. Book the 31. March last —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 17. 1783 Present Mess: Dorr, Grenough, Mackay, Jeffries —

Justices present Belcher Noyes Esqr.
Joseph Greanleaf Esqr.

Adjourned to to Morrow 3 O'Clock Afternoon —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 18, 1783 Present Messs: Dorr, Jeffries, Mackay, Scollay, Grenough,

Justices Present Joseph Greanleaff Esqr.
Joseph Gardner Esqr.
Ezekl. Price Esqr.
Belcher Noyes Esqr.

The Justices & Selectmen adjourned to Sallutation Alley in

order to view the waste ground near it & determine as to widening the Alley —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 23d. 1783 Present Mess: Dorr, Grenough, Jeffries, Hubbard,

Mr. Tukesbury informs that Mr. Joseph Spear has taken about twenty load of Ballast from Dear Island,—

Capt. Waters applys for liberty to open the Conduit Pipes, for removing obstructions to the Water Course — & Liberty was accordingly granted —

Mr. Edmunds gave in a List of the owners of Tombs in the North burying Ground

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 28, 1783 Present Messrs. Scollay Dorr, Grenough, Mackay, Price,

Passed upon Accounts —

Mr. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Alms house was directed to receive into the Alms House one Moses McGrough a Stranger Order signed Octor. 1, 1782 by John Scollay & Deacon Grenough — Another Order signed April 1. 1782 to receive Nancy Gibbling a Stranger signed by the same Gentlemen

A Letter wrote the Doctor of the Hospital at

[113.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 30, 1783 Present Messrs. Dorr, Mackay, Jeffries, Grenough, Scollay, Price,

Thomas Chapman applies to the Selectmen, that one Mary Crew who came from Falmouth Eastward & has lived with him as a Maid, may be sent to the Alms house, her Circumstances requiring it —

The Selectmen have directed that Mr. Ingerfield pay the usual Rent for the Stall he has held for a considerable time without any consideration, from the 1st. of May next provided he does not leave the same —

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Alms house to be supported at the charge of this Commonwealth one Mary Crew Widow to a Sea Faring Man, & not an Inhabitant of this Town, she being Poor & in Suffering Circumstances —

Voted, that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting for the choice of Representatives —

Mr. Price & Mr. Hubbard a Committee to wait on Revd. Mr. Clark and desire him to open the Town Meeting with Prayer

Benj Edes & Son to have the Printing of the Notifications —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 3d. 1783 — Present Messrs. Scollay, Price, Jeffries, Hubbard

A Letter wrote Dr. Appleton as by Copy on file, requesting Dr. Appleton to go on board Capt. Manly of the Hague Frigate & examine whether any melignant sickness was on board & to Report the state of the Ship to the Selectmen —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 4. 1783 Present Messrs. Scollay —

Dr. Appleton made Report as on file that there was no infectious Distemper on Board the Hague Capt. Manly — whereupon a Letter was sent the Governor that she might be permitted to come up to Town with safety

[114.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 7. 1783 Present Messrs. Dorr, Grenough, Jeffries, Price, Mackay, Scollay, Hubbard,

Mr. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Alms house was requested to receive into the said House one Samuel Wyer — a Negro & a Forreigner to be supported at the charge of this Commonwealth he being a Sick Person and unable to support himself —

Order signed by Mr. Scollay & Mr. Price —

Capt. Mackay Mr. Dorr & Deacon Grenough a Commee. to make enquiry respecting the repairing the Fences Tombs &c. at the North burial Ground —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 14. 1783 Present Messrs. Dorr, Jeffries, Grenough, Hubbard, Scollay — Price,

Mr. Hamlin informs of sods being cut on the Common & at Fort Hill — a Servant of young Mr. Bowdoins one of ye Trespassers —

Capt. Young in the Diana from New York informs that he had brought in eight Persons who had been Prisoners in that place, and are now in very suffering Circumstances — The Persons are

Capt. John Collier of Marblehead —
Daniel Shaw of Boston —
John Stacy of Piscataqua —
John Smith of Boston —
George Barthe. of Philadelphia —
John Curtis a Spaniard —
Peter S. Jack ditto —
Varian Blith of Salem —

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed to receive the forenamed Persons into the Almshouse to be supported at the charge of this State — Order signed by Mr. Scollay & Mr. Hubbard —

Mr. Nazro was directed to require Mr. James the Sextons, attendance at the Selectmens Chamber next Wednesday —

[115.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 16. 1783 Present Mess. Dorr, Jeffries, Grenough, Price,

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be now set at Wheat at 10/6 p bushel and that 12d. p Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood which is computed as follows Vizt.

	lb	oz	dr
a 4d. loaf of white Brick Bread must weigh	–	14	2
a 4do. loaf Brown Bread ¾ white ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	2	8	–
a 4d. ditto, not above ½ Indian	3	–	–
Biskets of two Copper price		5	6

Mr. James Bowdoin Jun. Esqr. informs the Selectmen as by his Letter on file that the damage done by his Servant on Fort Hill, by taking Sodds from thence tho. without his knowledge shall be madegood —

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen May 21. 1783 — Present Messrs. Dorr, Jeffries, Price, Hubbard, Scollay

James Cammel a Stranger sent to the Almshouse —

Order dated the 19th. Instant and signed by Capt. Mackay & Mr. Dorr — the said Cammel to be supported at the charge of the Commonwealth

Mr. James the Sexton attended, and made his excuse for the tolling Bells a Sabbath Evening or two past — which was accepted by the Selectmen —

Mr. Spear the Lighterman attended, and assured the Selectmen that he had taken but two load of Ballast from Deer Island this Year & no Paving Stones — he was then told by the Selectmen that who ever takes Ballast &c. from said Island may depend upon being prosecuted for the same —

A Certificate given by the Selectmen that Luke Howell a Captain in Colo. Tylers Regiment, late a Resident in this Town has absented himself and gone to where we know not —

Mr. Dorr, Mackay & Grenough a Committee relative to repairing the bottom of Cross Street

Robert Newman appointed an Engine Man of the Compy. of Engine No. 6 — in the room of John Folts —

[**116.**] An attested Copy of the Towns choice of Seven Representatives was sent to the Honbl. William Phillips Esqr.

Letter sent Deacon Sumner of Roxbury relative to his breaking Ground — and one to Mr. Tukesbury to observe what Persons shall presume to take Ballast, that he may inform the Selectmen thereof —

A Letter sent Colo. Hatch as p Copy on file —

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen May 26, 1783 Present Messrs. Dorr, Mackay, Grenough, Jeffries, Price, Scollay —

The Selectmen have agreed to let the same Lands on the Neck which Capt. Fellows hired to Mr. Aaron Blaney for the rate of fifteen pounds pr Year

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 29, 1783 Present Messrs. Dorr, Mackay, Jeffries, Price,

The Selectmen in a Body took a view of the bottom of Cross Street, last Monday Evening, and Mr. Dorr, Deacon Grenough & Capt. Mackay, are appointed a Committee to give the necessary Repairs to said Street —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 3d. 1783 Present Messs. Dorr, Mackay, Grenough Hubbard Jeffries

Mr. Ellis Tyler was approved of by the Selectmen to retail Liquors at his Store on Scarlets Wharff, lately occupied by Capt. Vincent lately deceased, who had received a License the present Year —

Capt. Ballard received the Plan of the Town Dock in order to prepare the work —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 4th. 1783 Present Messrs. Price, Greenough, Dorr, Jeffries, Hubbard, Mackay,

Mr. William Hunt applies for the Selectmens Recommendations [**117.**] to Master Carter that his Son may be received as a Scholar in the School in Queen Street he being about 15 years of Age — &

It is agreed with Mr. Phineas Payne to compleat the works begun at the Hospital on Rainsfords Island & to give any necessary Repairs —

The Selectmen have agreed to recommend Mr. William Hunts Son as a Scholar for Master Carters School —

Mr. Robert Brick is appointed for the Service of warning Strangers to depart this Town —

An Advertizement to be published relative to the Lands on the Neck —

Deacon Jeffries & Mr. Price appointed to view Fox Hill in consequence of an application from Colo. Waters, for a number of loads of Gravel

A Precept for the choice of one Representative in the room of Mr. Pitts chosen into the Senate, to be considered at the next Meeting —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 11. 1783 Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Price, Grenough, Jeffries, Mackay, Hubbard

Mr. Joseph Russel applies to the Selectmen for a supply of the Towns Gravel to be laid down at the lower end of King Street —

Mr. Whitwell and others Inhabitants of Cornhill request that a peice of pavement from the end of School Street to Williams Court may be repaved it being in a ruinous & dangerous condition —

Mr. John Newell approved of as an Inholder in Wings Lane —

Mr. Benjamin Cooper approved of as an Inholder in said Street—

Mr. Brick is to have Orders to observe whether Trucks & other Carriages carry larger weights at a time than the Law allows

Mr. John Lowel in behalf of the Freemasons Lodge applies for the Hall to dine in the 24th. of June Instant —

[**118.**] The Selectmen consent that Messrs. Ebenezer Dorr & Thomas Tileston, shall Judge & determine whatthe Town ought to receive for the Building now improved as a Blacksmiths Shop on the Towns Land at the bottom of the Common — and also what is due to the Town for about seven years Rent, and in case of their non Agreement they to choose a third Person that the matter may be finally settled —

Mr. Scollay and Deacon Jeffries appointed to see this matter carried into execution —

Passed upon Peter Callears DeLatieres State Account as p Copy on file amounting to £9 .. 12 —

Passed upon Mr. Paul Farmers State Accounts amounting as p Copies on file to £110. 1 — £69.. 5. 8.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 12. 1783 Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Price, Hubbard

Voted that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting on Thursday next bieng the 19 Inst. 4 O'Clock Afternoon, for the choice of a Representative in the room of the Hon^bl. John Pitts Esqr. who has resigned —

Messrs. Fleet

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 18. 1783 Present Messrs. Jeffries, Dorr, Mackay, Scollay, Grenough, Hubbard, Price.

It is is agreed by the Selectmen to visit Deer Island Thursday next being the 24 Inst. — the Boat to be at the Town Dock, and to set off from the Wharf at 9 O'Clock the Company to meet at the Selectmens Chambers.

The Selectmen have agreed upon a visit to Deer Island Thursday. see above.

[**119.**] The Selectmen have agreed with George Hamlin to Erect a Building on his Land near the Common for the keeping the Town Bulls, the same to be removed by the Selectmen whenever they shall think proper they being at the charge thereof, the said Building to remain on said Land during the Will of the Town paying therefor as Ground Rent twenty four Shillings p Annum to commence this Day —

James Linch sent to the Almshouse on the State Account he bieng a Stranger & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this State — Order signed June 11th. signed by Mr. Dorr & Grenough —

Foster Cruft to be recommended as a master of Salt and Coal.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 22d 1783 Present Messrs. Scollay, Price, Mackay, Jeffries

Information bieng given that a Negro Girl who came in the Schooner Josiah King Capt. Stonehouse from Bermuda was broke out with the Small Pox in a House at the North End —

She was sent in a Boat to Rainsfords Island, there to be taken care of, and two Bags of Sheeps Wool — the Girls Chest & Bedding & several pieces of Duck were also sent least they should contain infection —

A Letter was wrote Capt. Laha to receive her &c.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 25. 1783 Present Messs. Greenough, Jeffries, Mackay, Price, Scollay, Hubbard,

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 30. 1783 Present Messrs. Jeffries, Dorr, Price, Mackay, Scollay, Grenough,

[**120.**] Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be now set at Wheat at 7/6d p bushel and that 12d p bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & livelihood which is computed as follows — Vizt. —

	lb.	oz.	
A 4d. Loaf of White Brick Bread must weigh	1	3	12
A 4d. Ditto of Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye	2	8	
A 4d. Ditto not above ½ Indian	3	–	–
Biskets of 3 — Copper price		10	14

Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting the 4 of July next 10 O'Clock Forenoon when an Oration is to be delivered in commemoration of our Independence —

Mr. Dorr a Committee to provide three Curtains for Faneuil Hall —

The Selectmen have Agreed to attend the Visitation of the Schools on Wednesday the 9th. of July next and that a Dinner be provided as usual —

Passed upon Accounts —

Agreed with Mr. Woart to dine about 70 or 80 Persons on the Day when the publick Schools are to be Visited at 3/6 P Man, and all the Liquors that shall be drank are to be paid for —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 2d. 1783 Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Price, Hubbard, Grenough, Mackay, Jeffries

The Clerks of the Market attended & it was recommended to them to be vigilent in the discharge of their office

Agreed to supply Mr. Joseph Russel with Gravel for mending the Pavement at the bottom of King Street —

Mr. Jeffries & Scollay are to imploy Mr. Ranger to Fence the Burying Ground at bottom of Common on the [**121.**] best terms they can —

Agreed to repair the Paving in Cornhill, Mr. Hubbard a Committee to see it performed

The following new arrangement was voted, viz:

Mr. Dorr - - -	No. 1 & 2	The Selectmen to have the care of those wards
Capt. Mackay -	3 & 4	
Mr. Greenough -	5 & 6	
Mr. Scollay - -	7 -	
Mr. Hubbard - -	8 & 9	
Mr. Jeffries - -	10, & 11 &	
Mr. Price - -	12.	

Mr. Dorr appointed a Committee to agree with some person for 3 Curtains for Faneuil Hall: appointed June 30th ultº.

Mr. Phillip Wilde was proposed to the Selectmen by Mr. Honywell for to serve with his Engine N 9 in the room of Mr. Jnº. Wheeler & approved off —

Boston Ss: Scollay, Dorr, Mackay, Greenough, Dorr, & Mackay appointed a Committee to get the pavement in Back Street, & by the Old North Square, mended

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 9. 1783 Present Mess: Scollay, Dorr, Price, Hubbard, Mackay Grenough

The Selectmen with a number of Gentlemen Visited the publick Schools —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 14. 1783 Present Mess^{s}. Dorr, Grenough, Mackay, Scollay —

Benjamin Sumner Junr. proposes as Bondsmen for his faithful services as a Collector the present Year Jonathan Stodder Gentleman & Benj^{a}. Jepson Merch^{t}. accepted by the Selectmen —

Thomas Bayley Collector proposes Ephraim Copeland Gentleman and James Bayley Gentleman as Bondsmen — accepted

James Thompson Collector proposes, Josiah Waters Senr. Esqr. Josiah Waters Junr. Esqr. for his Bondsmen — accepted

Alexander Thomas Collector proposes, William Burbeck Esqr. & Capt. Elias Parkman Esqr. as his Bondsmen — accepted

[122.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 18. 1783 Present Messrs. Mackay, Jeffries, Price, Grenough, Scollay

The Collectors Bonds signed & executed were laid before the Selectmen, and a Certificate given the Collectors for the Assessors in order for their receivingthe Tax Books

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 23^{d}. 1783 Present Mess^{s}: Scollay, Jeffries, Mackay, Hubbard,

The Selectmen have agreed to take a view of the Towns Land within the Fortification at 8 O'Clock Fryday Morning next

M^{r}. Jeffries appointed to examine & compare D^{r}. Warrens State Account for attendance as a Physician at the Alms house, with M^{r}. Farmers Books

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 28, 1783 Present Messrs. Dorr, Price, Grenough, Scollay, Mackay, Hubbard, Jeffries

Passed upon Accounts —

Passed upon the List of Inholders & Retailers for the last Year, and made return of the same to the Court of Sessions — as P copy on file

M^{r}. Price & M^{r}. Jeffries a Committee to remove the Watch house at the South End, and to procure the most convenient place that can be obtained for that purpose —

M^{r}. Nazro is directed to Warn the Pedlars to leave the Market Square or they will be prosecuted

The Selectmen viewed the Towns land within the Fortification last Friday

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen July 30, 1783 — Present Messrs. Dorr, Grenough Scollay, Jeffries,

M^{r}. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Alms house directed to receive Daniel Hickey a lame Stranger into the Alms house to be supported at the publick charge — Order signed by two of the Selectmen — viz. — John Scollay Esqr.

[123.] M^{r}. Robert Brick appointed by the Selectmen to take notice of any breach of the Town By Laws which forbids Truckmen carrying more than one Ton weight (except the same be a cable) at a load, thro. any of the Streets & Lanes of the Town, having

laid before the Selectmen the Names of a Number of Persons who have lately transgressed said Law he is hereby directed to enter a complaint against said Offenders with Mr. Justice Greenleaff. in which prosecutions he will be countenanced & supported by the Selectmen —

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be now set at Wheat at 7/6 — P bushel and that 12d P bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Vizt. —

	lb.	oz.	dr.
a 4d. Loaf of white Brick Bread must weigh	1	- -	12
a 4d. ditto of Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye do.	2	-8	—
a 4d. ditto not above ½ Indian	3	-	—
Biskets of 3 Coppers price		10 -	14

Mr. Nazro is directed to desire the attendance of the Scavingers at the Selectmen's Chamber next Wednesday at 4 OClock Afternoon —

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 4. 1783 Present Messrs. Scollay, Hubbard, Dorr, Mackay, Jeffries, Price

Major White in the Ship Bell Robert Bimel Master from London informs that five Persons on board broke out with the Small Pox since they left London, all of whom are recovered, except one Person who has a bad Leg & unfit to be suffered to come out — that two Persons & one Infant on board are liable to have the Distemper — they left London about 8 Weeks since —

A Letter was wrote Capt. Laha Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island, for his Government. the Ship being ordered to said Island —

Capt. Mackay & Mr. Dorr to employ Mr. Heath or any other Person to Repair the Wall of the North burying Ground

[124.] Mr. Scollay & Jeffries a Committee to see to the Repairs of the Wall of the Burying Grounds in the Common, & the Chappel Ground —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 6. 1783 Present Messrs. Scollay Grenough Jeffries, Mackay Hubbard

Capt. Laha Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsford Island atten ed & Reported —

That the Vessel sent to the Island is sufficiently smoked & cleansed, together with the Beds & Bedding & every thing above Decks, the Deck being corked up & tight he does not suppose that any infection could have been received, — He has received Majr. Price & others liable to the Infection into the Hospital & those who have had the Distemper into the Well house — with Bedding Clothing &c. the other People have been well smoked & cleaned and in his Opinion both Vessel & People may come up to Boston without danger to the Inhabitants — whereupon the Selectmen consented that the Vessel & well People may come up to Town, — and Orders were given him accordingly as P Copy on file —

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 7. 1783

Present Messrs. Dorr, Grenough, Mackay, Jeffries, Hubbard, Scollay,

The following Persons were chose Jurors for a Maritime Court — Viz^{t}.

Messrs. Oliver Brewster excused
Stephen Miller
Isaac Peirce
Benj^{a}. L. Austin — excused
Nathl. Balch
Nathl. Patten
Benjamin Coolidge — excused
Joseph Laughton
John Mollineux
Abiel Smith
Ziphean Thayer

M^{r}. Hunt in behalf of the Mill Proprietors applied and had liberty to make use of Faneuil Hall & the Jury Boxes for the drawing the Mill Lottery

[**125.**] Nathl. Appleton Esqr. informs of a piece of Ground being broke up in Leaveret Street, and left in such a manner as obstructed the Passage Way

M^{r}. Appleton & others desire some Repairs may be given to Atkinson Street —

M^{r}. Scollay & Jeffries a Committee to view both Streets & make Report —

Upon complaint made that two Innholders Viz^{t}. — Edward Smith & Col^{o}. Brewer had Gaming Tables in their Houses — they were sent for & informed that unless they were immediately taken down & removed they would be noted in the Return to the Sessions for misrule —

M^{r}. Smith had his Billiard Table immediately taken down & Col^{o}. Brewer assured the Selectmen, his should be removed directly, & both engaged they should suffer no Gaming in future —

The Scavingers attended except some sick & absent, who were sworn, and the Selectmen exhorted them to a diligent discharge of their trust, which they assured the Selectmen should be done —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 11. 1783
Present Messrs. Scollay, Price, Mackay, Jeffries —

D^{r}. Whipple having Reported to the Selectmen that Maj^{r}. Price & his Sister might come up with safety — a letter to Capt. Laha permitting the same was sent —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 13. 1783
Present Messrs. Dorr, Price, Grenough, Jeffries, Hubbard, Scollay, Mackay

D^{r}. Whipple having Reported that M^{r}. Haley his Wife and Child taken out the Small Pox Vessel, might now leave the Island with Safety to the Inhabitants, Capt. Laha was directed to permit their departure as also that of Grover of Kennebeck & Taber of Dartmouth —

[126.] Dr. Whitwells Certifying to one of the Selectmen they may come up to Town with safety to the Inhabitants —

Mr. Spear will engage to bring suitable Stones & only such for paving Cornhill at three Pounds p Lighter Load —

Mr. Grenough a Committee to direct immediate Repairs to the Wire at Faneuil Hall —

The Selectmen agree that Mr. Lewis Carnes a Clerk of the Market, have a draft for £4 – 15/ the part he was to pay of the charges on a Law Suit commenced by Mr. Torrey one of the Bakers, the next Draught Day —

Mr. Price Mr. Hubbard & Mr. Jeffries a Committee to see whether a Fence should be erected & a Building provided for securing the Wood belonging to the School —

Mr. Nathaniel Heath engages to repair the North Burying Ground Wall as pr a Memo. on file —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 15. 1783 Present Messrs: Dorr, Jeffries, Price, Grenough, Scollay,

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 19. 1783 Messrs: Dorr, Jeffries, Scollay, Mackay, Price, Hubbard, Scollay Grenough

Passed upon sundry Petitions

Agreed with Edmund Ranger for building a Fence round the Burial Ground at the bottom of the Common as p. Agreement on file

The Committee to view Atkinson Street Report that it will not be prudent at present to go farther than making some Repairs to the Pavement —

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 22. 1783 Present Messrs: Scollay Dorr, Grenough, Price, Mackay, Hubbard Jeffries

Approved of Thomas Farrel as a Retailer for his Shop in Fore Street —

[127.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 25. 1783 Present Messrs. Jeffries Mackay Greenough, Price, Hubbard, Scollay,

Mr. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Alms house was directed to receive into the Alms house one John McKensie a Stranger sick & Poor to be supported at the charge of this Commonwealth. Order signed by two of the Selectmen Vizt. Mr. Scollay & Mr. Price,

The Selectmen have directed Mr. Newman to cease ringing the North Church Bell at 9. O'Clock at Night and to continue the 1. O'Clock Bell —

Mr. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse was directed to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the charge of this Commonwealth two Children of one John Hillbert a German not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Commonwealth, who formerly inlisted into the Continental Army the Mother being Poor and unable to support them & requesting the same their names John &

Henry one about 2 years & the other 4 years of Age — Order signed by two of the Selectmen Viz^{t}. M^{r}. Scollay & M^{r}. Jeffries —

Ordered, that the Town Clerk agreable to the request of a number of the Inhabitants issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting on Friday next, 3. OClock Afternoon —

Passed upon Accounts

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 26. 1783 Present Messrs. Dorr, Scollay, Price, Jeffries, Hubbard.

Had a Conference with a Committee of the Town of Chelsea relative to their being reannexed to the Town of Boston

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 27. 1783 Present Messrs: Scollay, Price, Hubbard, Jeffries, Dorr.

[128.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 27 1783 Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Price, Grenough, Hubbard Jeffries,

Capt. Holland of Engine N°. 5 applies for the Premium for playing first at the fire on M^{r}. Phillips Store — granted

Col^{o}. Webb applies for liberty to set Posts against the Old Brick Church — which was granted —

M^{r}. John McLean to have a draft for. Sixty Pounds

The Selectmen having reconsidered the Vote passed the 25 Inst^{t}. do on the Representation of M^{r}. Dorr direct that the North Church Bell be punctually rung by M^{r}. Newman at 1 & 9 O Clock as usual till further Orders

Passed upon some Accounts

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 2^{d}. 1783 Present Messrs. Dorr, Hubbard, Jeffries, Greenough, Mackay, Scollay

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 3^{d}. 1783 Present Mess: Scollay, Dorr, Greenough, Price, Hubbard, Jeffries

The following endorsement was made on the Warrant drawn on Thomas Ivers Esqr. Treasurer of this Commonwealth for the pay of the six months Men, that were omitted in last Draught & Roll

Sir

Please to pay Capt. Alexander Hodgden the Monies mentioned in the within Warrant he to pay the same to the several Persons, born on the annexed Roll, and to be accountable for the same —

JOHN SCOLLAY Chairman p Order

To Thomas Ivers Esqr. Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

N. B. The Sum expressed in the Warrant being £ 43. 1. 4^{d}.

M^{r}. Price Hubbard & Jeffries a Comm^{ee}. to order Repairs to Rainsford Lane agreable to the request of a [129.] number of the Inhabitants — on file —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septem^{r}. 4, 1783 Present Messrs. Greenough, Mackay, Jeffries, Dorr —

M^{r}. Nazro is directed to give notice to the Fishermen who occupy the Stalls to remove their Stalls immediately — in order to the filling up the Dock: He gave them notice accordingly.

The Selectmen gave in to the Committee of Court the Average price of Corn Beef &^{c}. as p Copy of the Return on file dated August 14 1783 —

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 7/ p bushel and that twelve Pence p Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Viz^{t}.

	lb	oz	dr
a 4^{d} Loaf of white Brick Bread must weigh	1	5	3
a 4^{d} d^{o} Brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye Meal d^{o}.	3	–	–
a 4^{d} d^{o}. not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian Meal d^{o}.	4	–	–
Biskets of 2 Coppers price - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	–	7	12

Boston Ss.: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 10. 1783 Present Messrs. Dorr, Mackay, Price, Mackay, Hubbard, Grenough,

Silas Randill appointed a Watchman in Constable Edmunds Watch in the room of Mr. Matthew James who has resigned

M^{r}. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse one John Camment a Stranger & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this State, being sick and unable to support himself — Order signed by M^{r}. Dorr & Capt. Mackay.

Capt. Holland of Engine N. 5 — applies for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing their Engine to work first at the Fire which lately broke out at a House near the Town House —

Voted, that the Town Clerk give him a Draught for the same, as also for the Premium for the Fire at M^{r}. Phillips Store — drawn for in August draft —

[130.] Passed upon some Accounts —

The Selectmen Agreed to perambulate the Bounds betwixt this Town & the Town of Roxbury on Tuesday the 16^{t} of Septem^{r}. Inst^{t}. and the Town Clerk is to Notify the Selectmen of Roxbury thereof and propose a Meeting at said Day —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen at Roxbury Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Grenough, Price, Mackay, Hubbard, Jeffries.

Met a Committee from the Town of Roxbury on the Neck, and with them renewed the bounds between this Town & Roxbury, as p particulars of the Perambulation to be placed on file

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 17. 1783 Present Messrs. Dorr, Jeffries, Grenough, Mackay, Hubbard, Scollay, Price,

Capt. Joab Hunt of Engine N°. 2 applies for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing their Engine to work first at the Fire which lately broke out at a House near Winnesimit occupied by one Witman —

Voted, that he have a draught for the same — drawn for in August draft

The Town Clerk is to draw for £ 1 — in favor of William Harris payable to Honble Oliver Wendell Esqr. bieng in addition to the £6 allowed, & drawn for in pay for a Bull April 1783 drawn for —

The Selectmen have agreed, that Deacon Grenough appointed a Committee to repair the Wire on the top of Faneuil Hall, suspend that business for the present —

The Selectmen consent that the Committee of the old Brick Church, take six or Eight load of Gravel from Fox Hill to lay before the Meeting House where Posts are Erected

M^r. Nazro is directed to acquaint the Fishermen that the Stalls must be removed

[**131.**] Col^o. Reviere & M^r. Thomas Hitchburne, apply for the consent of the Selectmen to take two empty Tombs in the Common burying Ground near the East Fence they engaging to return the same if any Owners should apply, or to pay a reasonable price for said Tombs

M^r. John Bryant applies for the hire of the Stalls lately improved by M^r. Dana of Roxbury —

The Fishermen attended and engaged, to remove their Boxes from the Towns Dock immediately —

M^r. Hubbard & M^r. Jeffries a Committee to order necessary Repairs to M^r. Hunts School —

M^r. John Bryant is to have the Stall he now improves, lately occupied by M^r. Dana —

M^r. Robert Hews is to have the next vacant Stall in the market —

M^r. Thomas Wheeler & Seth Frothingham & Son & David Jacobs apply for the refusal of the Labratory Building.

The Board have determined that they cannot comply with the request of Col^o. Revere & M^r. Hitchbourn, relative to the Tombs they being private property —

The Selectmen have considered the excuse made by Deacon Sumner relative to a Trespass on the Neck, — & the offence is over looked

The Town Clerk is directed to draw out some Orders for M^r. Nazro Clerk of Faneuil Hall Market agreable to the alterations the Selectmen have made in the former Orders

Upon the application of M^r. Vinal, Master of the Writing School in the Common for an Usher, he is permitted to have one, & the Selectmen have agreed to Allow £60 — p Salary

[**132.**] M^r. Nazro is directed to desire M^r. Fenno, William Sharp & M^r. Hews firemen to be at the Chamber next Wednesday —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 24. 1783 Present Messrs. Jeffries, Grenough, Price, Scollay.

M^r. Paul Farmer required to receive into the Alms house one Molly ——— a poor sick Woman not an Inhabitant of any Town in this State, not having wherewithall to provide for herself — Order signed by M^r. Grenough & M^r. Price —

Messrs. Ephraim Fenno & William Sharp appointed by the Selectmen to observe and bring to Justice any Person or Persons who shall transgress the Laws by fireing Guns upon the Neck and the bottom of the Common and other places within the limits of the Town —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 29. 1783 Present Messrs. Scollay, Jeffries, Grenough, Dorr, Price

Passed upon Accounts —

Daniel Haly has liberty from the Selectmen to break ground in order to open a Drain in Black Horse Lane, alias Prince Street: he to comply with the Law

Messrs. Hubbard & Price a Committee to cause such Repairs as are necessary to be made in the Pavement in Purchase Street & the Cross Street leading from Purchase Street to Atkinson Street

The same Committee are desired to cause the Pavement at the lower End of Summer Street to be mended —

M^{r}. Price is desired to confer with M^{r}. Breck relating the Repairs necessary to be made at his Store

The Select-Men reconsider their Order to the several Sextons or Grave diggers not to toll any Bell for Funerals on Lords day Evening until one hour after Sundown & that till further orders they have Liberty to Toll one Bell for each Funeral at Sun setting of those Evenings

Nine Jury Men drawn for Court of Common Pleas

The Selectmen allow the Butchers who occupy Stalls to leave in the Market at Night 1 q^{r}. Beef to each Stall

[**133.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{d}. 1. 1783 Present Messrs. Dorr, Price, Scollay, Hubbard, Jeffries,

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 7\ p bushel, and that 12^{d}. p Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows. Viz^{t}.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
a 4^{d}. Loaf of white Brick Bread must weigh - - - -	1	5	3
a 4^{d}. ditto brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye Meal d^{o}. - -	3	–	–
a 4^{d}. ditto not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian Meal d^{o}. - - - - - -	4	–	–
Biskets of 2 Coppers price d^{d}. - - - - - - - - - -		7	12

All Biskets of more than two Coppers price are to be sized

Enoch Huse approbated to Retail Rum &^{c}. at his Shop in Fore Street, near Town Dock

D^{r}. Welch recommends Benjamin Prince & Harper as suitable Persons for a Guard to the Inoculateing Hospital at Apple Island, which Persons the Selectmen approve of and appoint accordingly—

The Selectmen having also considered the Limits to said Hospital, have marked out the Bounds of said Island for said Limits —

The Selectmen allow William Sharp at the rate of nine Shillings P Week for preventing firing Guns on the Neck & for prosecuting any such Offenders, untill the 1st. of Decem^{r}. next

The Selectmen have agreed to meet at their Chamber for doing business, at 3 OClock in the Afternoon

The Selectmen are to meet at the Selectmens Chamber Fryday next 3. OClock P.M. for passing on the Town Clerks Account.

Mr. Head applys for liberty to open a Drain in the House on Dock Square occupied by his Mother

Liberty was granted on condition of the Ground & Pavement bieng made good

[134.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 3. 1783 Present Mess: Dorr, Jeffries, Mackay, Hubbard, Price Grenough

Passed upon Accounts

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 8. 1783 Present Messrs. Dorr, Mackay, Price, Jeffries, Scollay, Hubbard, Grenough

Mr. Dorr, Capt. Mackay & Mr. Grenough a Committee to examine relative to Dinsdale bounds

Mr. Farmer was directed to receive into the Alms house Naomi Higgins & her Child bieng not Inhabitants of any Town in this State & in suffering Circumstances. Order signed by John Scollay & Thomas Grenough, Selectmen & dated Septemr. 5 —

Also Ebenezer Drake a Youth & in the above Circumstances. Order signed by Mr. Price & Mr. Grenough & dated October 9th.

Also Esther Brown aged & inferm & a Stranger do. Order signed May 14 — by do. —

Also Reuben Gorham a Stranger — do. Order signed Septemr. 29. 1783 — by do. —

Mr. Russell Sturgis applies for Liberty to place Posts near his House Merchants Row — Mr. Hubbard a Committee for to order about their placing —

Voted, that the Town Clerk have a draught for Nine hundred ninety five Pounds 8/ 7d. — in Septemr. draught as by his Accounts this Day past —

Voted that Mr. Tillston of the North Writing School have Mr. Nathan Webb as an Assistant —

Voted, that he be allowed, Sixty Pounds P Annum commencing the 1st. of July last —

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 15. 1783 Present Messrs. Dorr, Jeffries, Grenough, Scollay Hubbard

The Commee. relative to Dinsdels bounds Reported that they had been on the Premisses & had obtained an amicable settlemt.

[135.] Mr. Hubbard & Mr. Jeffries a Committee to inspect the Labratory in the Common on the application of Capt. Robert Daws, that the Company may be accommodated with a suitable place for keeping the Artillery & Stores — and to Report —

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 16 1783 Present Messrs. Jeffries, Dorr, Hubbard, Mackay,

Eight extra Jurymen were chose

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 23rd. 1783 —

Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Mackay, Grenough, Hubbard, Jeffries —

M^r^. Bean informs the Selectmen that one Cloe Orn a Negro Wench belonging to Nantucket, is now at Scipeo Gurnys at New Boston, and that the said Cloe has infermities of Body which will probably occasion her becoming a charge —

Col^o^. Procter has returned to the Town 90 Arms 65 Bayonets 102 Cartrech Boxes, being part of the Arms delivered him by the Board of War, by an order drawn on them by the Selectmen May 1777 in consequence of a Resolve of the General Court — said Articles are lodged in the upper Chamber of Faneuil Hall —

M^r^. Price and M^r^. Hubbard a Committee to view the Sconce at the South Battery so called, and the Land adjoining and to Report the state thereof to the Selectmen —

Voted, that the Assize so far as relates to two Copper Biskets, subside for the present & the Town Clerk is to acquaint the Clerks of the Market —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^r^. 25. 1783 Present Messrs. Scollay Mackay. Hubbard, Jeffries.

Capt. Parsons informed the Selectmen that the Ship Robinhood Capt. Sergeant Smith from London, had three Persons taken with the Small Pox, one of whom died & was flung overboard, the two are landed at the Hospital with every thing liable to retain infection that no one on board is liable to take the infection whereupon at Leter [**136.**] was wrote Capt. Samuel Laha as by Copy on file

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^r^. 27. 1783 Present Messrs. Scollay, Mackay, Jeffries, Grenough.

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 7/6 P bushel, and that twelve Pence P bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Viz^t^. —,

	lb.	oz.	dr.
a 4^d^. Loaf of white Brick Bread must weigh	1..	3..	13
a 4^d^. ditto, Brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye Meal d^o^.	3..	– ..	–
a 4^d^. Ditto, not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian Meal d^o^.	4..	– ..	–
Biskets of 3 Copper price d^o^.		–10–	14.

Capt. Mackay appointed to agree with M^r^. Gowen Brown for the cleaning the Towns Clock at the Old South Church

Passed upon Accounts

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^r^. 29. 1783 Present Messrs: Jeffries, Price, Dorr, Scollay, Grenough, Mackay.

A Letter was given Capt. Laha Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island, permitting him to suffer the two Persons taken out of the Ship Robinhood to leave the Island, when they have been well smoked as its his Opinion they may do it with safety — he having Reported —

That he had complied with the Orders of the Selectmen relative to smoking & cleansing said Ship, and taking on Shore the two Men who had the Small Pox, as also such Articles as were liable to Infection — when the Ship was permitted to come up to Town agreeable to the Orders given him —

Passed upon some Accounts —

[137.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen [Nov^{r}] 5^{t}. 1783 Present Messrs. Dorr, Grenough, Scollay, Jeffries, Hubbard,

M^{r}. Cushing the Mast Maker applies for liberty to open a Drain from his House at the bottom of Milk Street into the Common Shore —

Liberty was accordingly granted, on condition that the Ground be restored, and the Pavement relaid, to the satisfaction of the Selectmen —

David Porter, Sea Captain having applied to the Selectmen for their approbation, & recommendation to the Honble. the Justices of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace to keep a Tavern at the North End Coffee House — he was according approved & recommended by the Selectmen — Capt. Farmington has liberty to take some Gravel from the Knoll of Land near Fox Hill, not exceeding ten load

The Selectmen being informed, that M^{r}. Bowen was in a House & Shop of the Town lately improved by M^{r}. Boyes — M^{r}. Bowen was sent for, and informed that the Selectmen consider him as accountable to the Town for the Rent of the said House & Shop —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 7. 1783 Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Price, Grenough, Mackay —

Information given the Selectmen that a Child of M^{r}. John Seabring in Marlborough Street S^{o}. End had the Small Pox broke out upon it —

M^{r}. Seabring being sent for appeared, and being told by the Selectmen, that D^{r}. Warner was willing to receive the Child and the one other liable to receive the Infection into the Hospital at Point Shirley free of charge, he consented to the removal —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 8. 1783 Present Mess: Scollay, Dorr, Grenough, Price, Mackay, Hubbard, Jeffries

[138.] M^{r}. Seabring objecting to his Children being removed as agreed to, to Point Shirley on account of the Weather — the Selectmen consent to *their bieng* sent to the Hospital at New Boston —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 12. 1783 Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Grenough, Jeffries,

Passed upon Phineas Paynes State Account amounting as by Copy on file to £ 16. 5. 6 —

D^{r}. Appleton who has the care of the sick of the Small Pox at the Hospital at New Boston is desired to make thorough search, whether M^{r}. Seabrings Child had received the Distemper by Inoculations, it having been suggested that she had —

D^{r}. Appleton is desired to take under his care the two Children of M^{r}. Seabring sent to the Hospital also two children of Philip Richardson, dwelling at said Hospital — and he is desired to make the necessary provision for them & the Nurses —

M^{r}. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse to

be supported at the charge of the State one Archibald Livingston a Poor Stranger — Order Dated 7t Novemr & signed by two of the Selectmen Vizt. Mr. Scollay & Mr. Price — also one Josiah Jones a poor Stranger — Order dated the 11t. of November & signed by Mr. Scollay & Mr. Price;

Mr. Curtis, the Sexton is to attend next Meeting and Mr. Nazro is directed to give him notice —

Mr. Mary a French Gentlemen is permitted by the recommendation of Master Hunt to instruct Youth in the knowledge of the French Language, in this Town —

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 19. 1783 Present Messrs. Dorr, Grenough, Mackay, Jeffries, Price, Scollay,

[139.] Constable Baker of the South Watch, acquaints the Selectmen that his Watch house has been removed by the Owner of the Land, whereon it stood, and another Building has been erected thereon, so that his Watch has at present no covering —

Mr. Nazro to desire Mr. Frothingham to attend next Wednesday —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 24 1783 Present Messrs. Dorr, Grenough, Price, Mackay, Jeffries,

The four Constables of the Watch are appointed to examine all Coal Baskets and prosecute Offenders if any such they find as the Law directs —

Passed upon Accounts —

The Town Clerk directed to publish Extract of Law relative to Coal Baskets — and to give Orders to the Constables of the Watch —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 26. 1783 Present Messrs. Dorr, Mackay, Jeffries, Hubbard, Price, Scollay,

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 7/6 p Bushel, and that twelve Pence p Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood which is computed as follows — Vizt.

		lb.	oz.	dr.
a 4d. Loaf of white Brick Bread must weigh		1	3	13
a 4d. ditto Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal	do.	3	–	–
a 4d. ditto not above ½ Indian Meal	do.	4	–	–
Biskets of 3 — Copper price	do.	–	10	14

Passed on some Accounts

The Selectmen meet to Morrow at the Town house, in order, agreable to the request of some Inhabitants, to remove encroachments on the Streets

Adjourned to Monday next 3. OClock Afternoon

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of all ye. Selectmen
see proceedings Decemr. 10th.

[140.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 1. 1783 Present Messrs. Dorr.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 3. 1783 Present Messrs. Dorr, Grenough, Price, Scollay, Jeffries, Price,
Passed upon some Town Accounts

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 10. 1783, Present Messrs. Scollay Dorr, Grenough, Hubbard, Price,
On the Petition of Major Thomas Seward, Voted that he have the first offer of the Town shop now improved by M^{r}. James Cazneau in case he quits the same —
M^{r}. Nazro directed to inform the Cullers of Staves & Hoops, that they provide themselves with Brands, and apply to the Selectmen for draughts on the Town Treasurer for the amount thereof —
The Selectmen on the 27^{t}. of November last ordered the Pedlers to remove their Stalls and other Incumberances from Market Square
M^{r}. Nazro is directed to require the attendance of the several Sextons at the Selectmens Chamber Monday next — 3. O'Clock Afternoon
Constables Smith, Broudens, Wendell & Whitney appointed to view & size Coal Baskets together with the constables of the Watch — and the Town Clerk is to give the necessary Orders — also with respect to trucks carrying larger weights than the Law allows —
M^{r}. Nazro to direct M^{r}. Edmunds Constable of Watch to attend Wednesday next on a complaint of one Morgan —

[141.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 15. 1783 Present Messrs. Jeffries, Grenough, Hubbard, Scollay, Mackay, Dorr, Price
The Several Sextons attended as required by the Selectmen

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 17. 1783 Present Messrs: Scollay, Dorr, Jeffries, Mackay, Price, —
M^{r}. Edmunds Constable of the North Watch attended as did several of his Watch, together with M^{r}. Morgan the Complainant —
The Watchmen are to attend again next Wednesday with those who are now absent —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 18. 1783 Present Mess Scollay, Dorr, Mackay, Hubbard,
The following Persons were close Jurors for a Maritime Court. Viz^{t}.

Messrs. Edward Grant
William Ruggles
Edward Grant
Samuel Brown
Samuel Gore
Samuel May
Edward Edes
Benjamin Coolidge

Passed upon Dr. Appleton State Account amounting to £ 39. 6. 7. as p Copy on file — Memo. the Account was withdrawn & a new Accot. presented March 17. 1784 in which the above sum is included —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 24, 1783 Present Messs. Dorr, Scollay, Jeffries, Price,

[142.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 29. 1783 Present Messrs: Jeffries, Grenough, Dorr, Mackay, Price, Scollay, Hubbard —

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 7/6 P. bushel. and that twelve Pence P. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood which is computed as follows. Vizt —

	lb.	oz.	dr.
a 4d. Loaf of white Brick Bread must weigh do. - - -	1	3	13
a 4d. ditto Brown Bread ¾ Wheat-¼ Rye Meal do. - -	3	-	-
a 4d. ditto not above ½ Indian Meal do. - - - - - -	4	-	-
Biskets of three Coppers price - - - - - - - - -		10	14

The following Persons have applied for the House where Mrs. Roulsten lived — Vizt. —

Deacon Williams
Thomas Adams
James Sumner
Mr. Lawrence
Thomas Walley for Daniel Kneeland

Passed upon Accounts—

Mr. Paul Farmer was required to receive into the Alms house to be supported at the charge of the State one Margaret Hay a poor Stranger & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Commonwealth — Order signed by two of the Selectmen Vizt.— Mr. Scollay & Mr. Hubbard —

N: Rouselet, approved as an Auchtioneer Francis Butter Mariner & Joseph Clark Shipwright are accepted as Bondsmen —

Adjourned to Fryday next 3. O'Clock Afternoon.

[143.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 1. 1784 Present Messrs: Mackay, Grenough, Price, Hubbard,

Jurors drawn for Innferiour Court

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 7. 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Grenough, Price, Mackay, Jeffries —

Upon the application of Mr. Bilnur de la Roche for the Selectmen to allow a stand for a Stall in Market Square to dispose of Cutlery Ware &c. — it was determined that they could not grant it agreable to Law —

Messrs. Joshua Eaton & William Baker apply for a License as Auchtioneer for the Town of Boston —

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 8. 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Grenough, Price, Mackay,

M^{r}. Nazro directed to desire Deacon Prestons attendance at the Selectmens Chamber next Wednesday

John Pownal &
Isaac Wendell

appointed to take an account of the Irons & Posts that were provided in the Year 1774 now standing & what the deficiency is, also to make enquiry if there are any Lamps in the Houses where the Irons are in the Neighbourhood of them --

The Town Clerk is directed to publish an Advertizem^{t}. relative to the Lamp Lighters in one of the Monday & Thursdays Papers—

The Chairman John Scollay Esqr. having received of M^{r}. Cartwright in December 1782. Fourteen Pounds 8/ for Interest on his Bond of M^{rs}. Brookers Donation also of John Fullerton d^{o}. Eight Pounds 7/4 — in the whole £22.15. 4 — In March 1783.. of Treasurer [**144.**] Boyer for Interest forty five pounds 2/" of John Sweetser Esqr. for d^{o}. Four Pounds of John Fullerton Interest to the 23^{d}. of March Three Pounds 12/8^{d}. making in the whole — — £ 75 — 16 — 1 —

The above Monie was distributed as follows — Viz^{t}.

N. B This money was distributed to the Selectmen as below & the following Page &c.

To M^{r}. Frazier	£ 19..12 —	
To M^{r}. Dorr	6..18 —	
To M^{r}. Price	6..18 —	
To M^{r}. Grenough	6..18 —	
To Capt. Mackay	6..18 —	
To M^{r}. Hubbard	6..18 —	
To M^{r}. Jeffries	6..18 —	
	61 —	
M^{r}. Scollay retained	14. 10 – 1	
		£ 75 — 10 — 1

Distributed to the following Persons — Viz^{t}. —

By M^{r}. Scollay — to M^{rs}. Hardy	£ — 18	
M^{rs}. Johnson	13..4	
M^{rs}. Sish	12..4	
M^{rs}. Mellony	4..8	
M^{rs}. Tayler	15..	
M^{rs}. Richards	19..4	
M^{rs}. Johnson	1 — 19	
M^{rs}. Tayler	1 — 4	
M^{rs}. Curtis	1 — 10	
M^{rs}. Dike	1 — 10	
M^{rs}. Mullins	1 — 10	
M^{rs}. Webster	1 — 10	
M^{rs}. Messevuy?	1 — 7 — 5	
		14.10.1

By Capt. Mackay.
of Monies rec^{d}. of M^{r}. Frazier part of the above £19..12 — Viz^{t}. —

To the Widow Lee	£— 19.4 —	
Widow Thompson	18	
Widow McElroy	19.4 —	2..16..8
Widow Hill	——	12
		£3-8-8

[145.] To the Widow Sarah Thompson £ 1. 13.4
Widow McElroy 1. ——
Widow Lee 1. 6-8
Widow Mary Loring .. 13-4
Widow McLary 1. ——
Widow Sarah Gee 1. 5 4
——— 6.18-8

Distributed by Deacon Jeffries — Viz^{t}.
To the Widow Lee £1.10
Widow Weat 1.10
Widow Usher 1.10
Widow Wendell 1.10
Widow Rhodes 1. 4
——— 6.18 —

Distributed by M^{r}. Dorr — Viz^{t} —
Of money rec^{d}. of M^{r}. Frazier
being part of the aforegoing — Viz^{t}.
Rec^{d}. Decem^{r}. 1782 — at twice £3. 8. 8.
Distributed Decem^{r}. 1782 — Viz$_{t}$ —
To Widow Susannah Clark £1. 10. 8.
Elizabeth Stevens Daug^{r}. of Master Wiswell — — 18 —
Widow Elizabeth Newhal — 12 —
Widow Sarah Trickey — 8 —
———— £3. 8. 8

M^{r}. Dorr distributed further March 1783
To the Widow Susannah Clarke £2. 8
Widow Jane Burton — 18
Widow Mary Parkman — 12
Widow Sarah Trickey — 12
Widow Hannah Whittle — 12
Ruth Foot sick Woman — 18
Widow Eliz^{a} Stevens — 18
——— 6. 18— 10. 6. 8
See Jany. 14. 1784

[146.] Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen Jany 14. 1784 Present Messrs Dorr, Grenough, Scollay, Dorr, Hubbard —

M^{r}. Nicholas Rouselet, was Licensed as an Auchtioneer December 29. 1783 — he having given Bond according to Law —

Isaac Tuckerman Esq. (his House in Tremont Street) applies to the Selectmen for their approbation as a Retailer of Spirituous Liquors at his said House —

Mr. Tuckerman was approved accordingly as a Retailer —

Mr. Nazro desired to acquaint Deacon Preston, that his attendance at the Selectmens Chamber next Wednesday is desired by the Selectmen —

Distributed by Deacon Grenough of Mr. Brookers Donations — Vizt.

To Mrs. Delaplace	£1.. 16.. 8
To Mrs. Fox	1.. 10 —
To Mrs. Baker	.. 12 —
To Mr. Hickling	1.. 4 —
To Mrs. Lee	12 —
To Mrs. Baker	12 —
To Mrs. Foye	12 —
	£6.. 18.. 8

See the 8th of this Month other Entrys —
& March 31 — 1784 —

Messrs. Joshua Eaton & William Baker Traders were approved of by the Selectmen as Auchtioneers for this Town —

Passed upon Dr. John Warrens State Accot. amounting to £420. 1.. 10d. as P Copy on file

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 21. 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay, Mackay, Hubbard, Jeffries —

× Thoms. K. Jones Auchtioneer proposes Daniel Jones Gentlemen & Lendel Pits Mercht. as their Bondsmen who was approved as an Auchtioneer — Bondsmen approved —

[147.] × Messrs. John Connor & —— Auctioneers proposes Thomas Watson & James Welch Traders as his Bondsmen, they being approved as Auchtioneers — Bondsmen approved —

× William Greanleaff Esqr. Auchtioneer proposes Nath. Walker Appleton Phiscian & Thomas Daws Junr. Esq as his Bondsmen he being approved as an Auchtioneer — Bondsmen approved —

× John Jutau Auchtioneer proposes Samuel Brick Esq. & William Breck Merch. as his Bondsmen, who has been approved as an Auchtioneer. — Bondsmen approved —

× Messrs Elias Parkman & John Hinckley Auchtioneers propose Jonathan Stoddard Gentln. & Benjamin Gorham Merch. as his Bondsmen, they having been approved as an Auchtioneer — Bondsmen approved —

× Messrs. Peter Green & William Welch Auchtioneers propose Jonathan Nutting Merch. & Joseph Veasey Mariner as his Bondsmen, they having been approved as an Auchtioneer — Bondsmen approved

× Battery Powers Auchtioneer proposes John Jenkins Baker & Battery Powers Junr. Trader — as Bondsmen he having been approved of as an Auchtioneer — Bondsmen approved

Mr. John Lawrance proposes to the Selectmen his taking the charge of the Lamps as to lighting & he says he can procure the Men —

Mr. Isaac Wendell & John Powell proposes to the Selectmen to take the charge of lighting the Lamps &c.

× John Badger Auchtioneer proposes John Leach Schoolmaster

& Thomas Leach Founder as his Bondsmen he having been approved as an Auchtioneer — Bondsmen approved —

The Selectmen approve of Mary Jackson as an Inholder at her House on Dock Square in the room of her Husband deceased —

The Selectmen approve of Mary Stevens, as a Retailer at her House in Queen Street in the room of her late Daughter, Mary Roulsten deceased

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 22. 1784 Present Mess. Price,

[**148.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 26. 1784. Present Messrs. Dorr, Grenough, Scollay, Hubbard, Mackay, Jeffries,

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 7/6 p. Bushel and that twelve Pence p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their charges, Pains, & Livelihood, which is computed as follows : – Viz^{t}. —

	lbs.	oz.	dr.
a 4^{d}. Loaf of White Brick Bread must weigh	1	3	13
a 4^{d}. ditto $\frac{3}{4}$ white $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye Meal	3	–	–
a 4^{d}. ditto not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian	4	–	–
Biskets of three Coppers price – d^{o}		10	14

Mess^{sr}. Baker & Eaton were Licensed as an Auctioneer January 15 –1784, he having given Bond according to Law —

Passed upon accounts —

Boston Ss : At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 28, 1784 Present Messrs. Dorr, Grenough, Mackay, Jeffries, Scollay Hubbard

The Committee for filling up the Dock, lodged a List of the Subscribers who had advanced Monies, & which they had received & applied, as P. said List on file. —

William Sharp is recommended by a number of the Inhabitants to have the charge of the Lamps as to lighting &c.

Passed upon some Accounts

The Town Clerk is directed to give Henry Prentice and others a Comm^{e}. for filling up the Dock a draught on the Town Treasurer for £702.. 17.. 4.. being in part for the charge arising on filling up the Dock placing Rails &c.

Passed upon two Accounts of Paul Farmer Keeper of the Alms house amounting as p Copies on [**149.**] file to £1064–13–$\frac{1}{4}$ & £45. 8. 10$\frac{1}{2}$ —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 4, 1784 — Present Mess Scollay, Grenough, Price, Mackay.

Passed upon John Warrens State Accompt amounting to £438 : 1 : 6 — as p. Copy on file —

Boston Ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feb^{y}.11, 1784 Present Messrs. Grenough, Dorr, Scollay, Jeffries, Price, Hubbard,

The Selectmen Certified this Day that from the best information they can obtain they suppose a William Barker who served for

this Town with the 6 months Men, had not till now been made up in any Roll

John Renneway offers himself as a lighter of Lamps also one John Cook, for the same Service

Mr. Paul Farmer was requested to receive into the Alms house to be supported at the charge of the Commonwealth one Susannah Franklyne Wife of John Franklyne a Stranger who has left her near lying in without any thing for her support — Order signed by two of the Selectmen Vizt. — Mr. Scollay & Mr. Hubbard —

Memo. Mr. Benjamin Fessenden is indebted for Gravel taken from Fox Hill vizt. 28 load at 6d–14/

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 18. 1784 Present Messrs. Dorr, Grenough, Jeffries, Scollay. Price, Hubbard,

Edward Saunders approved of by the Selectmen to Retail Spirituous Liquors at his Shop at the Head of Governor Hancocks Wharff —

Upon application of a number of Gentlemen the Town Clerk is directed to Issue a written Warrant to the Constables to warn the Inhabitants verbally to meet at [**150.**] Faneuil Hall Monday the 23d. of Feby. Inst. 10. OClock — Forenoon — in order to take the views of the Town with respect to an illumination on Tuesday next on the occasion of the notification of the definitive Treaty of Peace.

Passed upon John Jones's State Account amounting to £7–10/ as P Copy on file

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 23. 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Grenough, Jeffries, Mackay, Hubbard —

Return on the perambulation was sent the Selectmen of Roxbury, and a Return from them is to be received —

Passed upon Accounts —

The Governor having made application for the Hall for a public Dinner Liberty was accordingly granted.

Mr. Edmund Green applys for the refusal of the Store to let to Mr. Casneau, when he leaves it provided Major Steward to whom it is engaged should decline it and the Selectmen Voted, that he should have the refusal on said Sewards decliuing it —

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 7/6 P bushel, and that twelve Pence P Busel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows. Vizt.

		lb	oz	dr
a 4d. Loaf of white Brick Bread must weigh		1	3	13
a 4d. ditto ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal, must weigh		3	–	—
a 4d. ditto, not above ½ Indian	do.	4	–	—
Biskets of 3 Coppers price	do.		10	14

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 25. 1784, Present Messrs. Dorr, Scollay, Greenough, Mackay, Jeffries Price,

Mr. Brick having informed the Town that he should give up the Store the last Day of March next — the Town Clerk is directed to advertize it, bieng to let —

[151.] The Selectmen have agreed, that the Rents of the Towns Stores shall be as follows — Vizt. —

The Store occupied by Mr. Bowen £40 to March 1st. after that at	£50 p Annum.	
Mrs. Cazneaus from 1st. March next	20 –	do.
Messrs. Daws & Coolidges (to pay Repairs)	60 –	do.
Mr. Bricks Store to be put & kept in Repair at	80 –	do.
	sent.	

Upon the application of John Sweetser Esqr. he is informed that the Selectmen have no objection to his improves. the Tomb in the Common burying Ground, formerly owned by John Jekyl Esqr. he paying the necessary Repairs, untill a Claim thereof shall be made by any of said Jekyls Heirs —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 28. 1784 Present Messrs.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 1. 1784 Present Messrs. Mackay, Hubbard, Grenough, Price, Jeffries,

Several extra Jurors drawn —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 3d. 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Grenough, Mackay, Price, Hubbard,

Upon the application of Mr. Henry Prentice for himself & Mr. Enoch Brown, he is informed that the Selectmen have no objection to their opening the Tomb antiently belonging to one Pool in the Church Burying Ground so called —

Upon the application of Mr. Henry Prentice for himself and Mr. Joseph Barrel, for the Warehouse now occupied by Mr. Breck, it was agreed by the Selectmen to give them the offer of the said Store at £80 – P annum — they putting and keeping & leaving the same in good repair — sent

[152.] The Town Clerk is directed to issue a Warrant for the March Meeting on Monday next being the 8th. Inst. 9. O Clock Forenoon —

Messrs. Nennon & White to have printing of Notifications —

Voted that Mr. Jeffries & be a Commte. to wait on the Revd. Mr. Wight and request his opening the Town Meeting with Prayer —

The Old South Bell is to be rung at Nine O Clock in the Evening —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 4. 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay Mackay, Hubbard, Jeffries,

Dr. Appleton informs the Selectmen that a young Woman by the Name of Sally Louis at a Mrs. Sherdens House opposite Morgans Ship Yard North End, is broke out with the Small Pox; the Eruption began on Tuesday Morning last —

A Letter wrote Treasurer Ivers covering four Bonds given by Auchtioneers — Viz^{t}. John Badgers, John Jutaus, Nicholas Rouselet, Baker & Eatons

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 11. 1784 Present Messrs: Jeffries, Scollay, Grenough, Frazier, Price, Lucas —

A Letter wrote Capt. Elias Hasket Derby of Salem in answer to his on file relative to Lamps —

M^{r}. Lucas a Committee to look out for a suitable place for the South Watch House

[**153.**] M^{r}. Lucas a Committee to wait on M^{r}. Justice Greanleaff with a complaint against one Wall for breaking into the Hospital at West Boston, when infected with the Small Pox

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 12. 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay, Grenough, Frazier, Jeffries, Lucas, Price,

The Town Clerk is directed to issue a Warrant for calling a Town Meeting on Monday next 3. O'Clock P.M. in order to receive the Report of the Committee appointed to draught a Letter in answer to a Letter from the Chairman of the Committees of the Towns of Medway & Wrentham relative to a County Meeting at Dedham the 3^{d}. Wednesday in March Ins^{t}.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 17. 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay, Grenough, Mackay, Jeffries, Price, Lucas,

M^{r}. Scollay as Chairman by Order of the Selectmen endorsed a Warr^{t}. from Governor & Council on M^{r}. Treasurer Ivers, for Wages due from the State to a William Barker for six months service being £14. 9. 7 —

Passed upon Dr. Nathaniel W. Appletons State Account amounting to £58. 14. 9 – as by a Copy yet to be given in now on file — Mem^{o}. the Council would not pass the Acco^{t}. but left it for y^{e}. town to pay.

The Selectmen have agreed upon the Application of M^{r}. Vinal Master of the Writing School in the Common that his Son shall be drawn for as Usher of his School at the rate of £ 96 — p Annum, to commence from the 30th. of July last, bieng the time his Letter was dated praying that he might be allowed his Usher — see Septm^{r}. 17. 1783 —

Next Wednesday assigned for making out a Warr^{t}. for a Town Meeting April 5. for choice of Governor &c.

[**154.**] Messrs. William Patten
Isaac Wendell
Barth^{o}. Broadens

are appointed to give information & prosecute all Persons guilty of the breach of any By Laws more especially what respects the heavy Loads carried in Carts and on Trucks thro.' the Streets of this Town to the damage & destruction of the Pavements —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 20. 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay, Price, Jeffries, Frazier,

Information given that one Smith a Fisherman living near Hancocks Wharff was broke out with the Small Pox, & also a Child of Services in the same Neighbourhood — D^{r}. Appleton bieng sent to make examination Reported that one other had the Symptoms of the Distemper

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sabbath Morning Present Mess. Scollay, Grenough, Frazier, Mackay, 9. O Clock

The Children of M^{r}. Smith consenting that he should be removed & the Child, M^{r}. Nazro was directed to remove Him to the Hospital at New Boston first seeing provision made for His reception at the Hospital, with direction of D^{r}. Appleton — M^{r}. Smith is permitted to have his own Nurse & Doctor to attend them —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sabbath Evening Present Messrs. Scollay, Grenough, Frazier, Mackay Jeffries, 4 O Clock

M^{r}. Smith with the Small Pox, not being in a situation to be removed without indangering life — Orders were given to put out a Flag & to erect Fences before the House — & M^{r}. Edmunds with —— were appointed a Guard to said House —

[155.] The Town Clerk directed to publish an Advertisement of the Circumstances

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 24. 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay, Frazier, Grenough, Price, Jeffries, Mackay, Lucas,

Bryant Dannerly a Sick Stranger was on the 21st. of March Ins^{t}. sent to the Alms house to be supported at the charge of this Commonwealth — Order signed by two of the Selectmen Viz^{t}. — John Scollay & Ezekiel Price Esqr.

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 8/ p Bushel, and that twelve Pence p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains & livelihood, which is computed as follows — Viz^{t}. —

	lbs.	oz.	dr.
a 4^{d}. Loaf of white Brick Bread must weigh - - -	1.	2.	10
a 4^{d}. ditto $\frac{3}{4}$ white $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye Meal - - - d^{o}. - -	3.	–.	–
a 4^{d}. ditto, not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian Meal - d^{o}. - -	4.	–.	–
Bisket of three Coppers price - - - - d^{o}. - -	–.	10.	4

M^{r}. Erasmus Peirce has liberty to open a Drain & Build a Distill house in Battery March —

The Chairman M^{r}. Scollay appointed to attend the Committee for Auditing Accounts Fryday next 9. O'Clock —

Ordered that the Town Clerk Issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting on Monday the 5th. Day of April next bieng the 1st. Monday in April next for the choice of Governer Lieutenant Governer & Senators —

Messrs. Adams & Nource to have the printing of the Notifications —

Mr. Lucas Jeffries a committee to enquire who has the improvement of the Granary —

[156.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen by a Committee Present Messrs. Scollay —

The Committee to Audit Accounts attended, & many of the Selectmens Accounts were laid before them for their inspection —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 29. 1784 Present Mess: Scollay, Grenough Mackay, Jeffries, Lucas, Price, Frazier

The Selectmen have received 3 Casks Lamps from Salem, which being opened — the number of the whole

Cask do. 14 – 3 doz. 1 broke

Cask do. 419–3 doz. 1 do.

Cask do. 2 doz. none broke — no mark

The Selectmen meet to Morrow upon the Town house floor at 11 OClock in order to view Mr. Hunts School house

Passed upon Accounts —

Mr. Lucas a Commee. to order some repairs to the Neck —

The Selectmen upon the application of Judge Wendell permits Domingo to live in the House in the Fort at Fort Hill he receiving no Inmates r Lodgers without the approbation of the Selectmen — Mr. Wendell to be accountable for the Rent which is to be settled hereafter —

Boston Ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 30. 1784 Present Messrs. Jeffries, Scollay, Price

Mr. Jeffries is requested to order the necessary Repairs to the So. Lattin School House —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 31. 1784 Present Messrs. Grenough, Jeffries, Mackay, Scollay, Price, Lucas,

The application relative to dividing the County to be taken up next Wednesday —

[157.] Monies received by Mr. Price on Account of Mrs. Brookers Donation £ 10 . 0. 8

Mr. Price distributed as follows — Vizt. —

To the Widow Jones	£ 1 - 16 -
the Widow Lee	1 - 6 - 8
the Widow Foster	1 - 6 - 8
the Widow Stevens	1 - 10 —
Old Mr. Townsend sick & poor	1 - 10 —
the Widow Thompson	£ 1 —
the Widow Emmons	1 - 4 —
Mr. Bass sick and poor	1 - 4 —
	10 - 17 - 4

See Minutes January 8. 1784

The Selectmen have agreed to meet at the Selectmens Chamber next Fryday Afternoon 3. OClock P.M.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 2d. 1784 Present Mess: Scollay Frazier, Jeffries —

The Justices & Overseers attended and a Walk or Visitation of the Town agreed upon to be taken as by Papers on file may appear —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 6. 1784 Present Mess: Scollay, Price, Mackay, Jeffries

The Justices & Overseers attended and made return of the State of the several Wards, which Returns are on file —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 6. 1784 Present Messrs. Mackay, Grenough, Scollay, Jeffries, Lucas, Price,

The Treasurer informs that Mr. Mayo who holds a Stall in Market is sick & has not paid any Rent for some time past —

[**158.**] Mr. Champney who improved Stalls No. 4 & 8 bieng dead — the same are leased to Mr. Robert Hews — & Mr. Joseph Ruggles the next vacancy — sent

A William Johnson, & one Lawrence Targus Strangers, were permitted to continue in the Alms house where they have been supported for about three months past Order signed by Mr. Scollay Mr. Grenough

Mr. Page acquaints the Selectmen that he has not improved the North Battery Wharff since the 1st of December last —

The Selectmen have agreed, that Mr. Page is to account for his Rent to the 1st. of Decem^r. only when he quitted the premisses — Since which it is said one Nowell has improved the said Wharff to whom the Town Treasurer is to apply for the Rent —— sent —

Capt. Mackay & Mr. Grenough a Commee. to enquire of Mr. Newell & Report what he is to pay —

The Town Clerk is to get a number of blank Assizes printed — Messrs: Russel & Ward is to have the printing

Ordered that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for calling a Meeting, relative to dividing the County on Monday next 10. OClock Forenoon — Memo. there is to be no printed Notifications —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 14. 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay, Grenough, Frazier, Mackay, Price, Jeffries.

Mr. Gardner & Mr. Willson apply for a Stall in Faneuil Hall Market — Mr. Coolidge applied after them for the first vacancy — Ralph Smith applied before either of them —

The Assessors attended at the Selectmens Chamber and acquainted them that they declined serving in the Office of Assessors on the terms Voted by the Town at their late Meeting —

A Letter wrote Thomas Crane Esqr. by order of the Town in answer to a Letter Circular Received —

[**159.**] Mr. Carter Master of the Writing School in Queen Street proposes Mr. Abiah Holbrook as an Usher for his School he having been formerly in the service of the Town —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 21. 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay, Grenough, Price, Mackay, Lucas,

The Selectmen have agreed that Messrs. Warner & Ruggles shall have the Stalls lately improved by M^{r}. Mayo — sent

M^{r}. Nazro is directed to call upon M^{r}. Appleton & others the Proprietors of the Drain in Atkinson Street and acquaint them that it is expected they immediately repair the Drain —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 23^{d}. 1784 Present Mess Scollay, Grenough, Frazier, Price, Mackay, Jeffries, Lucas,

M^{r}. Tukesbury is to have Deer Island this Year at £50 on the same conditions as the last Year — sent

The Selectmen have Agreed that the Buildings adjoining the Labratory near the Common is let to M^{r}. Frothingham & others from the time they entered being the 1st. November at £40 — P Annum for the present Year — sent

M^{r}. Nathaniel Call permitted to open & lay a drain from his House on Temple Street, he making good the Ground

The Selectmen have agreed that the Masters of the Publick Schools — &c. see below

The Town having passed a Vote at their late Meetings that the Selectmen shall affix the Sum the Masters of the publick writing Schools shall receive for instructing Youth at private hours.— They having considered the matter do affix the price of Instruction in private hours at twenty Shillings P Quarter for each Scholar

[160.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 26, 1784 Present Mess: Scollay, Mackay, Lucas, Price, Grenough, Frazier, Jeffries,

Passed upon Accounts —

The Selectmen have made an Estimate of the Sum necessary to be raised for defraying the Charges of the Present Year which Estimate amounts to Nine thousand four hundred & ninety five pounds as P Particulars on file —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 28. 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay, Grenough, Makay, Jeffries, Lucas,

Benjamin Duick applys for a Stall in the Market

M^{r}. Tukesbury who improves Deer Island has the leave of the Selectmen to permit Messrs. Edward Wilds Joseph Sergeant & Gersham Spear to take off Ballast from said Island at such places & in such quantitys as the said Tukesbury shall Judge will not be detrimental to the Island they paying the Town Treasurer therefor once a quarter at the rate of three Shillings P Load. M^{r}. Tukesbury to Certify the Treasurer the number of Loads each one is to be accountable for they are also to pay the Treasurer for the Ballast they have taken off the Island previous to this time — sent

M^{r}. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse one Nancy Gibling a Stranger she being inferm and not having

wherewithall to support herself Order dated the 1st Sepr last and signed by two of the Selectmen vizt. Mr. Scollay & Mr. Mackay —

Mr. Hamlin has liberty to dispose of one of the Town Bulls on the best terms he can —

Upon Settling the Account of Vegetables with Mr. Isaac Pierce it appeared that he had to account with the Treasurer for 1018⅓ Paper Dollars — sent

[**161.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 5. 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay, Grenough, Price, Lucas, Makay, Jeffries, Frazier,

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 7/6 P Bushel, and that twelve pence P Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their charges pains & livelihood, which is computed as follows — Viz^t. —

	lb.	oz.	dr.
a 4d. Loaf of white Brick Bread must weigh	1..	3 .	13
a 4d. ditto ¾ White ¼ Rye Meal — do. —	3..	–..	
a 4d. ditto not above ½ Indian Meal — do. —	4..	–..	
Biskets of 3 Coppers price — —do.—		10..	14

William Lovering approved of as a retailer of Spirituous Liquors the remainder of the Year at a House in Orange Street improved lately by Mr. Henry White, who was licensed to retail the present Year —

Capt. Mackay & Mr. Frazier a Committee to view the Town Shops near Consert Hall & Report

The Town Clerk to issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting, on Tuesday next bieng the 21st. Instant 10. O Clock Forenoon for the choice of Representatives &c.

Messrs. Russel: & Warden to have the printing of the Notifications

Mr. Lucas & Deacon Jeffries a Committee to wait upon the Revd. Mr. Everet and to desire him to open the insuing Town Meeting with Prayer —

Mr. Price a Committee to apply to Mr. Payne the Attorney General as Council for Mr. Smith a measurer of Coal Baskets —

It bieng represented to the Selectmen that the Proprietors of the Tombs on the South side of the Burial Ground at the bottom of the Common have neglected causing a Brick Wall to be Erected. The Selectmen give notice to said Proprietors that they cause said Wall to be erected as soon as may be sent

[**162.**] Mr. Scollay & Mr. Frazier a Committee to view the Reservoir at New Boston near Deacon Newells & Report

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 12, 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay, Grenough, Jeffries, Lucas

Isaac Tuckerman approved of as an Inholder at his House in Tremont Street — the Cirtificate given him the 14th. of last January, approving of & recommendd. him as a Retailer for said House was withdrawn —

Mr. Scollay & Mr. Frazier appointed to get the Tinwork &

Ironwork necessary for the Lamps, done on the best terms they can.

Mr. Caleb Bingham approbated by the Selectmen to keep a private School for the instruction of young Ladys in the useful branches of Reading writing &c. —

Passed upon Paul Farmer Keeper of the Alms house State Accounts amounting to £908. 10. 3. and £48. 12. 9 –as p Copies thereof on file

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 14th. 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay, Mackay

Mr. Paul Farmer required to receive into the Almshouse one George Lindors a Stranger & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Commonwealth, neither had he wherewithall to support himself — Order signed by two of the Selectmen Vizt. — Mr. Scollay & Capt. Mackay —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 19. 1784. Present Messrs. Scollay, Grenough, Mackay, Jeffries, Price, Frazier, —

Mr. Hamlin the Hayward is permitted to exchange one of the Town Bulls with Mr. Hollis.

[163.] Voted that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting, May 29 — relative to Assessors pay — no Notifications to be printed —

Voted that Benja. Hitchbourn Esqr. be desired to deliver an Oration on Monday the 5th Day of July next in commemoration of the declaration of our Independence — agreable to a Vote of the Town passed the 5th. of July last —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 27. 1784. Present Messrs. Lucas, Jeffries, Grenough, Frazier, Mackay, Scollay

The Town Clerk was directed to furnish Mr. Shermin School Master with a Copy of the Town Vote respecting the price of Instruction — sent —

Mr. Scollay & Mr. Lucas a Committee to confer with Mr. Curtis, relative to a peice of Land the Selectmen are impowered by a Vote of the Town passed May last to Lease to him or any other Person on certain conditions —

Capt. George Ridgway of Engine No. 6 applies for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing their Engine to work first on the Fire which lately broke out at a House in Temple Street — drawn for

Voted, that he have a draught on the Treasurer for the sum of thirteen Shillings and four Pence, bieng the Premium allowed by the Town —

Monies received by Mr. Lucas on Account of Mrs. Brookers Donation £ 2 . 13. 4

Mr. Lucas distributed as follows Vizt.

To Elizabeth Boon	£ – 13..4
To Samuel Procter	6..8
To Mr. East	6..8
To the Widow Searls	6..8
To Mary Rice 6/8 Mr. Rex 6/8 Widow Thompson 68	1
	2. 13. 4

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[**164.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 31. 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay, Price, Frazier, Jeffries, Mackay, Lucas

Mr. Scollay received of John Fullerton, for two Years Interest of his Bond bieng part of Mrs. Brookers Donation £7..4 —

And the same was given to the Selectmen to be by them distributed among poor Widows &c. Vizt.

Mr. Scollay	£1.. 4
Mr. Price	1..10
Mr. Frazier	1..10
Mr. Mackay	1..10
Mr. Jeffries	1..10
	£7..4

Mr. Nazro directed to request Mr. Hodsons attendance at the Selectmens Chamber next Wednesday

Mr. Frazier & Mr. Scollay a Committee to order the necessary Repairs to the Buildings belonging to the Town, opposite Consert Hall —

Selectmen appoint one King to stand upon the Neck and prevent the Cows coming from Roxbury into the Commons of this Town —

Passed upon Accounts —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 2d. 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay, Grenough Jeffries.

Wm. Dawes desires leave to open the Drain in Distill house Square near the Mill Pond — Granted upon Condition that he fill it again & put the ground in like good order it now is.

Mr. James Gorden applies for a License as an Auchtioneer in this Town —

And he was approved accordingly —

[**165.**] Mr. Davis and others have agreed with the Selectmen that The Honbl. Jonathan Greanleaff Esqr. Ebenezer Wales and Martin Brimmer Esqr. shall settle the matter of Claim &c. for their right in the Town Dock which has been filled up agreeable to a vote of the Town —

Mr. China who officiated formerly for Master Holbrook, applys for the approbation of Selectmen to open a School —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 5. 1784 Present Mess: Scollay, Grenough, Frazier, Price, Frazier —

The Selectmen having received proposals from a number of Printers for the printing the Free Plans relative to Incorporating

the Town into a City — It appeared that Mr. Fulsoms was the lowest, being 3/4 p pamplet for 2500 — he to deliver them on Tuesday & Wednesday next to the Constable —

The Town Clerk was directed to furnish Mr. Fulsom with said Plans — And to give directions to the Constables to disperse the same amongst the Inhabitants as soon as they are printed — for which trouble they are to have a reasonable allowance

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 9. 1784 Present Mess: Scollay, Grenough, Frazier, Price, Mackay, Jeffries

Mr. Paul Farmer required to receive into the Almshouse several Persons not Inhabitants of any Town in this State, neither having wherewithall to support themselves — Vizt.

By an Order May 25. 1784 — one Peter Boyer a Boy of nine Years Age — signed Scollay, Mackay — Selectmen —

By an Order May 26. 1784 — one Michael Melony sick & under the Doctors hands signed Scollay, Mackay — Selectmen

By an order June 5. 1784 — one Dennis Burns in a Suffering Condition — signed Scollay, Price — Selectmen

Mr. James Gorden Auchtioneer, proposes. Stephen Gore Currier Benjamin Goldthwait Inholder as his Bondsmen, for the faithful discharge of his duty ———

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[**166.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 16. 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay, Price, Mackay, Jeffries, Lucas

Mr. Samuel Ballard desires liberty to open a Drain in Cross Street — Granted upon condition that he fill up the same again, and cause it to be paved —

Mr. George Hamlin Hayward is directed by the Selectmen to acquaint such of the Inhabitants as have Cows going on the Commons, that unless they pay to the said Hayward the Sums assessed upon the Owners of the Cows for the support of the Bulls — said Bulls will be sold and no others provided

Capt. Mackay & Mr. Grenough a Committee to view the Buildings on the North Battery Wharff, & to Report what is proper to be done relating to them —

The Bondsmen proposed by Mr. James Gorden as Auchtioneer the 9th of June Instt. are approved of by the Selectmen — & the Town Clerk is directed to make out his Bonds

The Selectmen have agreed to visit Deer Island on the 29th of June Instt. the Boat to be at the Town Dock, and to set off from the Wharff at 9. O Clock — the Company to meet at the Selectmens Chamber —

The Selectmen have agreed to attend the Visitation of the Schools on Wednesday the 14th. of July next — sent ye Masters

Mr. Lewis Hoyt Merchant applies for a License as Auchtioneer — and proposes Daniel Jones Gentlemen & Thomas K. Jones Mercht. as his Bondsmen — and they were approved of by the Selectmen —

Capt. Hinckley having complained of Dirts bieng thrown on the Ground near the Market — An Advertizement was drawn up by his desire & given him to get the same printed & posted up — he agreeing to defrey ye charge —

[**167.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 23^{d}. 1784 Present Messrs. John Scollay, Grenough, Mackay, Price, Lucas, Frazier

The Town Clerk directed to apply to the Attorney General to draw up Bonds of Arbitration relative to dispute with Abuttors on the Dock —

Voted, that application be made to two Gentlemen of the Law in order to draw up a Code of By Laws for the better Government of the Town —

Voted, that M^{r}. Scollay & M^{r}. Price be a Comm^{ee}. for the purpose —

Voted, that John Lucas Esqr. be a Committee to apply to Col^{o}. Procter, for such Obligations as he may have in his hands for the delivery or return of the Small Arms &^{c}. furnished the several Captains of the Boston Regiment — and that such Obligations as shall be given in by the Col^{o}. be put in Suit —

Mr Grenough & Capt. Mackay, a Committee to view the North Battery House Report. That they have viewd said House & are of Opinion that it is for the interest of the Town that the said House be disposed of for the most it will fetch —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 28. 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay, Price, Jeffries, Mackay.

Passed upon Accounts —

The Town Clerk is directed to issue a Warrant without Notifications for a Town Meeting the 5th. of July next.—

M^{r}. Price appointed to apply to a Gentleman of the Law to defend the Watchmen in a suit commenced against them by one Boot —

[**168.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 30. 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay, Jeffries, Grenough, Mackay —

Passed upon Accounts

Passed upon D^{r}. Townsend & Homans State Account for attendance at the Hospital at New Boston in 1776 — amounting as by Copy on file to £ 22.12—

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen July 7. 1784 Present Messrs. Grenough, Scollay, Jeffries, Mackay Price,

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 7/6 P. Bushel, and that twelve Pence P Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Viz^{t}. —

	lb.	oz.	dr.
a 4^{d}. Loaf of white Brick Bread, must weigh	1.	3	13
a 4^{d}. Ditto $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye Meal d^{o}.	4.	–	–
a 4^{d}, Ditto not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian Meal d^{o}.	4.	–	–
Biskets of 3 Coppers price d^{o}.	–	10.	14

The Selectmen agree to build a head at the bottom of South Street bounding on the Sea, provided Messrs. Wheeler & Ruggles pay two thirds of the Expence the said Wheeler & Ruggles to cause the same to be done

The Selectmen Agree that if the Abutters on Balls Alley will pave the same, the Town will allow one third part of the expense thereof —

It is agreed with M^{r}. William Lowder to compleat the Lamps fit to be lighted that is the Tin work and to deliver the same at such place as the Selectmen shall direct at the rate of four Shillings & six pence each Lamp — the number to be 50. at the least —

The Collectors to be notified agreable to the Act of the General Court passed the last Session —

[**169.**] Capt. Mackay & M^{r}. Grenough a Committee to view Atkinson Street & Report what is proper to be done as to the Pavement —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 13^{d}. 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay, Grenough, Frazier, Mackay, Jeffries,

M^{r}. John Winthrop is permitted to alter the run of the gutter from Capt. Lanes Pump, untill it comes into his former course —

M^{r}. Lucas & the Chairman a Committee to order repairs to the top of Beacon Hill to prevent it wasting by the Rains —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 26. 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay, Jeffries Grenough, Mackay, Price,

M^{r}. Nazro directed to require the attendance of the Collectors next Wednesday Week —

M^{r}. Joseph Brightmann applys for liberty to set up a private School at the North part of Boston to teach Youth to write Cypher, English Grammar &c.

Liberty is accordingly granted upon condition of his complying with the orders of the Town with respect to the price of teaching Scholars &c.

D^{r}. Smith and others Subscribers for planting another Row of Trees in the Common &c. under the direction of the Selectmen, had liberty accordingly —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 26. 1784 Present Messrs. Mackay Jeffries, Frazier, Grenough, Scollay,

M^{r}. Nazro directed to call upon Capt. Smith and require his attendance at the Selectmens Chamber on Wednesday next —

[**170.**] M^{r}. Jacob Rhodes prays leave to open his Drain from his House formerly the Two Palaverers

Liberty was granted on conditions that the Ground be made good & the Pavement restored to the satisfaction of the Selectmen —

Passed upon Accounts —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 25. 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay, Jeffries, Grenough, Mackay, Jeffries

Capt. Hunt of Engine N. 2. proposes William Doaks as a suita-

ble Person for his Engine Company, and he was approved of accordingly —

Mr. Tuckerman applies to the Selectmen for liberty to erect a Building on the Towns Flats behind his House South End —

Nathaniel Davis applys for the purchase of a piece of the Towns Land without the Fortification —

The Selectmen approve of Capt. John Mc.farland being a Measurer of Salt & Coal for the Town of Boston

Passed upon Thomas Moores State Account amounting to £1. 3. 6 — a Copy is to be left on file

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 4. 1784 Present Scollay Grenough Frazier Price & Jeffries

Mr. John Fox is appointed Usher of the Writing School in Queen Street he having produced Credentials of his Abilities & good Moral Character from the Rector & Tutor of the Academy of Plainfield

List of Licensed Persons in 1783 given into the Selectmen & to be acted upon next Tuesday —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 10. 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay, Price, Mackay, Jeffries, Frazier, Grenough,

Passed upon the List of Licensed Persons for the last year and made return to the Justices of the Court of Sessions [171.] And approved of a number of new ones as p Copy on file

The Town Clerk is directed to publish Advertizement relative to Auchtioneers drawn up by the Selectmen in Adams & Nurses Paper & Mr. Edse's Paper —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 11. 1784. Present Messrs. Scollay, Grenough, Mackay, Jeffries

Mr. George Thomas has been recommended by the Selectmen to the Justices of the Courts of General Sessions of the Peace as a suitable Person to be appointed one of the Measurers of Salt Coal & Grain —

Mr. Scollay and Jeffries a Committee to order Rails for the security of the Trees. near the Common burial Ground

Mr. Thomas Bayley proposes as his Bondsmen — Memo. no one was proposed —

Mr. Crafts Mr. Ridgway & Mr. Roby are to have the finishining of all the Lamps so far as relates to the business of a Tin Man hanging up — at 4/6 p Lamp —

The Town Clerk is directed to issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting next Tuesday bieng the 17th. of August Inst. 10 O Clock Forenoon —

Messrs. Powers & Willis had the printing of the Notifications —

Boston Ss : At a meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 18. 1784. Present Messrs. Scollay, Grenough, Frazier, Price,

Mr. George Richards applys to the Selectmen for Liberty to open a School in Leaverets Lane for reading writing, Arithmetic & English Grammar.

Approved see August 25 —

[172.] Mr. Daniel Parker a Collector of Taxes proposes George Makepeace Miller, & Caleb Loring Merchant as his Bondsmen — disapproved —

Mr. Thomas Bayley gentleman proposes, Ephraim Copeland Gentleman & James Bayley as his Bondsmen.

Approved of by the Selectmen.

Mr. Charles Williams Gentleman one of the Collectors proposes, & Benjamin Edes Printer as his Bondsmen —

Mr. James Thompson Distiller proposes Josiah Waters Senr. Esqr. Josiah Waters Junr. Esqr. as his Bondsmen — Approved of by the Selectmen —

Mr. Scollay & Mr. Jeffries a Committee to erect a Fence in Common Street to secure ye. Trees —

The Selectmen gave a Certificate that Abigail Jenks now Abigail Deane was the Mother of John Jenks a Minor, who as they are informed sayled in the Protector Capt. Foster Williams & in their Opinion ought to receive his wages

Boston Ss : At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 20. 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay, Jeffries, Mackay, Price.

Agreed upon a Visit to Rainsfords Island next Fryday —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 25, 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay, Grenough, Jeffries, Mackay,

Mr. William Fallas to have a draft next Draught Day for £174.. 0.. 4d. — Memo. the Treasurer for a Quarters Salary

Mr. George Richards, approved as a private School Master in this Town on the same conditions as are the other private Schoolmasters [173.] agreable to a late Vote of this Town —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 30 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay, Grenough, Mackay, Jeffries, Frazier, Price.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 7/6 P Bushel, and that twelve Pence P Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood which is computed as follows — Vizt. —

		lb. oz. dr.
a 4d. Loaf of white Brick Bread must weigh		1.. 3.. 13
a 4d. ditto ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh		3.. –..
a 4d. ditto, not above ½ Indian Meal	do.	4.. –..
Biskets of 3 Coppers price ———	do.	10.. 14

Passed upon Accounts —

Mr. Jacob Rhodes has hired the North Battery Wharff and the Warehouse upon it at £24 — P Annum. the Rent to commence the 1st. of August Instt.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 1, 1784 Present Messrs Jeffries, Scollay, Grenough,

Mr. John Smith who has been sometime past in the Almshouse on the State Accot. is permitted to leave said House he being now able to return to France

Elias Tuckerman to have the painting of the Lamps Tops he having engaged to do the same at four Pence p Lamp

Mr. Coleman applies to the Selectmen for liberty to open a private Drain from his in Long Lane into the Common Shore — Granted upon conditions that the Ground and pavement is restored to the satisfaction of the Selectmen

Mr. Farmer permitted to supply Mr. John Smith one of the State Poor with Sea Stores to the amount of Eight Dollars he having a passage given him to France

[174.] The Haywards are permitted to apply to Judge Sullivan as a Town Lawyer. on Acco^t. of a dispute relative to impounding a horse

Mr. Samuel Cheney appointed Master of the South Writing School for three months commencing this Day, on the conditions of late Town Vote. —

The consideration of Rent for the Schoolhouse is referred to a full Board —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 8. 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay, Grenough, Jeffries, Frazier

Mr. Elisha Sigorney asks liberty to open a drain from his House in Southwicks Court to the Common Shore in Cambridge Street — Granted, on condition that the Ground be repaired to the satisfaction of the Selectmen —

Major White applies to the Selectmen that some Gravel may be laid upon Short Street, it being greatly out of Repair supposes the charge will not be more than five pounds —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 9. 1784 Present Mess: Scollay, Frazier, Mackay, Price,

Mr. Parker a Collector proposed a number of Persons for his Bondsmen which were not approved of by the Selectmen

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septr. 13. 1784 Present Mess^s. Scollay, Grenough, Mackay, Jeffries, Price.

Six extra Jurymen chosen —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septem^r 15. 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay, Mackay, Frazier, Price,

Mr. George Makepeace, applies to the Selectmen for liberty to carry a platform from his House on the side of the Creek near the Draw-Bridge, for a passage into his Yard — Liberty granted untill otherwise altered

[175.] The Tanners apply to the Selectmen for their orders to the Butchers who occupy Stalls at Faneuil Hall Market to supply them with Hides as they are obliged to —

Upon the application of Mr. Coolidge & others Mr. Scollay, & Frazier are appointed to view & make inquiry respecting Pitts Lane so called.

Mr. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Alms house was required to receive into the Almshouse one Mary Cavener a poor Stranger & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Commonwealth —

Order signed by two of the Selectmen Viz^{t}.— M^{r}. Scollay & Capt^{t}. Mackay

Voted, that the Town Clerk be directed to draw for the future in favor of M^{r}. Tilestons Usher, from the 1st of Septem^{r}. Ins^{t}. at the rate of £100 — P Annum

M^{r}. Scollay & M^{r}. Price appointed to view the Street near Olivers Dock —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 1. 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay, Grenough, Mackay, Price, Jeffries,

Charlotte & Jane Caroline Sutherland upon their application, approved of to keep a School for teaching Young Ladys to embroidering work &c.

The Persons proposed by M^{r}. Parker as his Bondsmen not having signed — he proposed Paul Dudley Sergeant Esq. & Thomas Sherburne Merch^{t}. as his Bondsmen which are approved of by the Selectmen —

Agreed that a Watch House be built over the opening between Arnold Wells Esqr. & M^{r}. Knaps Store in Orange Street, taking care that the Water Courses be not interrupted & that the Building be carried on under the direction of John Lucas Esqr.

[**176.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 24. 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay, Price, Mackay,

Met & conferred with the Referrees on the part of the Town &c.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septem^{r}. 27. 1784 Present Messrs. Grenough, Scollay, Price, Mackay, Frazier —

Voted, that the Lamps be put up & lighted in the several parts of the Town as soon as may be that suitable Persons be employed for that purpose and that the whole of said Business be under the care & direction of John Scollay Esqr. he to have a reasonable allowance for his Expence time and trouble therein —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 29. 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay, Grenough, Price, Mackay, Jeffries,

M^{r}. Scollay is appointed by the Selectmen to procure of M^{r}. Foster or any other Person, as many Lamps as may be wanted for lighting the Town —

M^{r}. Robert Hews complains to the Selectmen that a Slaughter House is erecting in Pleasant Street contrary to Law & prays the notice of the Selectmen

Upon the application of the Abutters on Atkinson Street — The Selectmen agree that the several Abutters cause such Repairs to be made in the pavement in Atkinson Street & in clearing and repairing the Drain in the same Street so that the whole expence thereof exceed not the sum of Sixty Pounds; and that when the same is compleated the Towns Just proportion thereof shall be paid by an order on the Treasury to be granted in October 1785 —

[**177.**] M^{r}. Price is appointed to direct Gravel to be laid upon the upper part of Kilby street, for the repair thereof —

The Selectmen having information that Mr. Oliver Vose is Erecting a Slaughter House in Pleasant Street contrary to a Law of this Commonwealth they give him notice not to proceed therein as he would avoid the penalty of the Law —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo. 7. 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay, Grenough, Price, Mackay, Jeffries,
Mrs. Lobdell Wife of Lobdell of Hull, applies to the Selectmen for their approbation in her keeping a Tavern on Minots T —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octr. 13. 1784 Present Messrs. Grenough, Mackay, Jeffries, Frazier,
Mr. Scollay is to have a draft next Draught Day for £28–5— drawn for —
The Selectmen approbate Robert Hodge as an Inholder in his House in Corn Court — Also Mr. John Burbeck as a Retailer of Rum etc. at his Shop the bottom of Black Horse Lane

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 20. 1784 Present Mess: Scollay, Grenough, Jeffries
Passed upon Mr. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse two State Accounts amounting to £927 — 16 — 10d 3/4 & £47. 5/

[178.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 25. 1784 Present Messrs: Scollay, Mackay, Price, Grenough,
Mr. Paul Farmer directed to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the charge of this State one Esther Laha a Stranger & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this State neither had she wherewithall to support herself —
The Selectmen Certify that John Gilbert Brother in Law to Michael Edwards who lately died in the Continental service is in their Opinion the proper Person to receive what may be due to him for wages in said service —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 27. 1784 Present Mess: Scollay, Grenough, Jeffries, Mackay, Price,
Mr. Paul Farmer directed to receive into the Alms House to be supported at the charge of this State, one Richard Hubbard a sick Stranger, who is not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Commonwealth, neither has he wherewithall to support himself — Order signed by Mr. Scollay & Mr. Frazier —
Upon application of Capt. Partridge one of the Committee of the Old Brick, that the Clock in said Church may be repaired at the charge of the Town — the Selectmen consented thereto provided the charge shall not exceed fifteen Dollars —
The Selectmen have appointed Capt. Jacob Gould to be Constable of the Town Watch, at the South part of the Town — a great number of the Inhabitants of that end of the Town having recommended him as a suitable Person for that Office
Mr. Scollay & Frazier appointed to direct with respect to a Gutter being paved at Goochs Lane New Boston —

[179.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octr. 27. 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay, Grenough, Mackay, Frazier, Jeffries,

Passed on some Accot.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 3. 1784. Present Mess. Scollay, Grenough, Mackay, Jeffries, Price,

The Selectmen have set the Rent of the Houses & Shops near Consert Hall the same to commence the 1st. of December next — Vizt. —

The House improved by Mr. Stevens	£15 – p	Annum
The House —— do. — by Mr. Moulens & Sister	15 – p	do.
The largest Shop do. — by Mr. Gipson	9 – p	do.
The Shop — — do. — by Mr. Adlington	6 – p	do.
The Shop — — do. — by Mr. Parker which a Nazro has?	6 – p	do.

sent

Capt. Jacob Gould Constable of the South Watch gave in the Names of Persons suitable for said Watch, which Persons were also presented to the Selectmen for their Approbation — Vizt. —

Mess. William Sharp
John Powell
Timothy Conner
James Collins
Jacob Hederick

and they were approved accordingly —

The Resevoir in Long Lane is to be repaired under the direction of Mr. Price — one third of the Expence thereof to be defreyed by the Town —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 10. 1784 Present Messrs. Grenough, Price, Scollay. Jeffries,

Mr. Thomas Magner pray'd liberty July 7 — to open a Drain from his house in Lindels Row cross Kilby Street to Olivers Dock —

Liberty was accordingly granted upon the usual Conditions —

[180.] Mr. Edward Blanchard prays allowance for his selling Spirituous Liquors at his Store on the North side the Town Dock — and he was approved accordingly —

Revd. Mr. Croswell having applied to the Selectmen for liberty for his Congregation to meet with him at the South Grammar School for the purpose of preaching during the Winter Months — their Building being much out of Repair,

Liberty was accordingly granted, on condition that any damage that shall arise, be made good —

Mr. John Scollay to have a draught the next draught Day on the Town Treasury for twenty seven pounds — out of the Lamp Money —

ORDERED, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 7/6 p Bushel and that twelve Pence p Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Vizt. —

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4d. Loaf of white Brick Bread must weigh	1.	3.	13.
A 4d. ditto ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal d°.	3.	———	
A 4d. ditto not above ½ Indian Meal d°.	4.	– .	–
Biskets of three Coppers price must weigh	— .	10.	14

Mr. Matthew Nazro appointed by the Selectmen to Warn Strangers to depart the Town —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 17. 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay, Grenough, Price, Mackay,

Mr. Boynton one of the Grand Jury gave notice to one of the Selectmen, that the Town were without Stocks for the punishment of Drunkards —

[**181.**] Upon complaint of the Inhabitants that Mr. Hudson had in digging Gravel, made several Pitts which in the Night Season especially indangered the Limbs of the Inhabitants —

Mr. Scollay & Mr. Price a Committee to examine into this matter — & Mr. Nazro is directed to give Mr. Hudson notice, that his attendance is desired at the Selectmens Chamber next Wednesday —

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the expence of this State one Betsy Ryly & her Son David Ryly being poor Strangers & not Inhabitants of any Town in this State — Order signed by Mr. Scollay & Mr. Price two of the Selectmen —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 24. 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay, Grenough, Mackay, Price, Frazier

Mr. William Tracy Applies to the Selectmen for their approbation as an Auchtioneer for the Town of Boston

Mr. Tracy proposes Norton Brailsford Gentleman & John Tufts Inholder, both of Boston as his Bondsmen —

Complaint lodged with the Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk, that Mr. Charles Simpson of this Town Blacksmith according to the Representation of his Wife & Several of the Neighbours is wasting his Substance by Idleness & drinking, & thereby wasting his Substance to endangering his Family, coming to want & giving it as their Opinion that he should be proceeded with as a late Law of this State in such Cases provides for

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 29. 1784 Present Messrs. Grenough, Scollay, Mackay, Jeffries, Price,

Mr. Tracys Bondsmen for himself as an Auchtioneer were approved of by the Selectmen & the Town Clerk is directed to take the usual Bonds —

[**182.**] Mr. Shubal Hews applies to the Selectmen for their approbation of him as Inspector of Barrels of Pork Beef & Fish, for this Town —

The Town Clerk directed to insert in one of the Public News Papers, the By Law relative to unruly Dogs —

Boston Ss: At the Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 1. 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay, Grenough, Mackay,

Mr. Hammet applied sometime since to be appointed Inspecter of Beef &c.

Capt. Roger Bartlet applies by Isaac Smith Esqr. to be appointed a Cutter of Fish —

And was approved of by the Selectmen sent

Voted, that the Town Clerk have a Draught on the Town Treasurer for three Quarters Salary the present Year as by a Vote of the Town £112.10/

Voted that Mr. Samuel Feno who works at the So. Lattin School have a draft in part of what is due to him for £9 —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 6. 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay, Price, Jeffries, Mackay,

Mr. Arron May, bieng the highest bidder for the Hay Scales, all the former Bidders bieng present Mr. May is to have the same at £207 — P annum, he to give Bonds for the faithful discharge of his duty & making due payment quarterly —

Mr. Paul Farmer directed to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the charge of this State one Mary Pool who is a Stranger & in distressed Circumstances — Order signed by Mr. Scollay & Capt. Mackay —

Cushing & Boit applies to the Selectmen for liberty to open the Main Shore from Temple Street to Mill Pond —

[**183.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 8. 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay, Mackay, Grenough Jeffries

A number of Persons from the South part of the Town waited upon the Selectmen, and informed that as Mr. Cheneys Quarter had expired; they wished that Mr. Richards might be appointed Master of said School at that part of the Town —

Upon the application of Mr. Cushing & Boits they are permitted to open the Main Drain on Common Shore from Temple Street to Mill Pond; they observing the directions of the Law, and making good the Ground & Pavement to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen —

Mr. William Fallas chosen one of the Collectors of Taxes for the Year 1782 — having produced the County Town & State Treasurers Receits in full for the Sums committed to him to Collect of the Inhabitants the Town Clerk was directed to give up to said Fallas, the Bonds given by him as Collector —

Capt. Manasseh Masters approved of a Surveyer of Pork & Beef & Barrel'd Fish for this Town — the Oath has been administred by Mr. Justice Noyes —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 15. 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay, Grenough, Mackay. Jeffries,

A Petition received from a Number of Persons at the South End, who have Children at Dr. Cheneys Writing School, praying that that he may be continued for at least six Months longer as Master of said School

Mr. Scollay & Jeffries a Comm: to wait on the Justices to con-

fer with them relative to the Disorders that take place on Christmass & N Years Nights in order to prevent them —

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants that a Tallow Chandlers Works may not be erected in a Street — [184.] called near Lendels Row —

Mr. Shubal Hews appointed a Surveyer of Pork Beef & barreld Fish for this Town —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 22. 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay, Mackay, Jeffries,

Mr. Paul Farmer was required to receive into the Almshouse one Lucy Melloni Wife of Michael Mellony a Stranger and his Child of near three Years of Age, She bieng inferm & in suffering Circumstances, there to be supported at the charge of this State. Order signed Decem. 23d. by two of the Selectmen Mr. Scollay & Capt. Mackay —

In consequence of a Petition from a number of Inhabitants — Mr. Thoms. Johnson who has erected works in a Building near Lindells Row for carrying on the business of a Tallow Chandler — without consent of the Selectmen. was sent for and cautioned against carrying on that business as he would avoid the penalty of the Law — being a Stranger, the said Law was read to him —

An Advertisement was sent to Adams & Nurses Printing Office. relative to Persons entering Houses & parading the Streets in disguise on Christmass & N. Years Evening —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 27. 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay, Price, Mackay, Jeffries,

Passed upon Accounts —

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 29. 1784 Present Messrs. Grenough, Mackay, Jeffries Scollay, Frazier,

[185.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jan 5. 1785 Present Messrs. Scollay, Price, Mackay, Frazier Jeffries —

Mr. Joseph Loring applys to the Selectmen for their appointing him an Inspector of Barrel'd Beef Fish Pork &c. — And he was approved of accordingly — & sworn by John Brown Esqr.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 7/6 p Bushel, and that twelve pence p Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood; which is computed as follows — Vizt.

	lbs.	oz.	dr.
a 4d. Loaf of white Brick Bread must weigh	1.	3.	13
a 4d. Ditto 3/4 Wheat 1/4 Rye Meal – do. –	3.	-	-
a 4d. Ditto. not above 1/2 Indian Meal do.	4.	-	-
Biskets of three Coppers price - - do.	-	10.	14

Capt. Hunt of Engine N. 2. proposes Seth Webber & Thomas Page as Engine Men for his company in the room of Dicks and John Bouve — and they were approved of accordingly —

Application made for Mr. Haislet holding Lectures in Faneuil Hall twice a Week —

The Selectmen having considered said Application, declined giving thier consent thereon; they having declined applications of a similar nature

Voted, that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting next Tuesday 3. O Clock — P. M.

Mr. Peter Edes had the printing of the Notifications —

[186.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 11, 1785 Present Messrs. Scollay, Mackay, Jeffries

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the charge of this State — one Abigail Pierce a poor Stranger — Mr. Scollay & Mr. Mackay, signed the Order.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 13. 1785 Present Messs: Scollay, Grenough, Mackay, Frazier —

The Committee to make answer to a Petition of thirteen Towns to the General Court for repeal or alteration of the Law relative to the Market attended —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 17. 1785 Present Messrs: Scollay, Grenough, Frazier, Mackay, Jeffries

Capt. Noah Stoddard in 17 Days from Halifax informs that his Brother Henry, who came in his Brigantine from Halifax which arrived last Thursday Week, & is now at his House has broke out with the Small Pox; and that a Child & several others in the House are liable to the infection, who have liberty to go to the Hospital at their own Expence

Dr. Appleton informs that a Negro Man on board Capt. Starbuck, Brige. from Philadelphia has broke out with the small Pox; no one on board is liable to the infection — neither is the brig supposed to be any ways infected —

Orders were given Mr. Nazro to see him conveyed with care to the Hospital — as also Mr. Henry Stoddard, who came in the Halifax Vessel

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 18. 1784 Present Messrs. Scollay

[187.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 19. 1785 Present Messrs. Scollay, Grenough, Frazier, Jeffries —

Mr. John Carteret, Cooper appointed by the Selectmen one of the Inspectors of Barreld Beef Pork & Pickled Fish — has been sworn —

A Letter was wrote the Selectmen of Watertown in answer to one received, relative to a Samuel Avery who they supposed to be an Inhabitant of this Town, but the Selectmen apprehend they are mistaken —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 26. 1785 Present Messrs. Scollay Grenough, Frazier, Mackay, Jeffries —

Passed upon John Jones State Account amounting to £8 — as by Copy on file —

Grand Jurors chosen & Petit Jurors, for Febuary Court —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jan. 31. 1785 Present Messrs. Scollay, Grenough, Frazier, Mackay, Jeffries
Passed upon Accounts —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 2^d. 1785 Present Messrs. Scollay,

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 8. 1785 Present Messrs. Grenough, Mackay, Scollay, Price, Jeffries,
Town Clerk directed to issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting Thursday next 3. O'Clock P: M:
Mess: Edes & Son to have printing of the Notifications for said Meeting —

[188.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 9. 1785 Present Messrs. Scollay, Jeffries, Mackay, Price,
ORDERED, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat, at 7/6 p Bushel; and that 12^d. p Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood; which is computed as follows Viz^t. —

	lb.	oz.	dr.
a 4^d. Loaf of white Bread must weigh - - - - - - -	1	3	13
a 4^d. Ditto ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal d^o. - - - - - - - -	3	–	–
a 4^d. Ditto not above half Indian Meal d^o. – - - - - -	4	–	–
Biskets of three copper price d^o. - - - - - - - - -	–	10	14

Edward Burt Cooper applies to the Selectmen, for their appointment as an Inspector of Barrel'd Beef, Pork & pickled Fish — and he was approved of accordingly — Sworn into Office by M^r. Justice Price —
M^r. Jastram, applies to the Selectmen for their approbation, for his teaching the French Language in this Town and being recommended by the French Consul, he was approved of by the Selectmen, on condition that he conforms to the Votes of this Town relative to Schoolmasters —
M^r. Duncan Ross applies for a License as an Auchtioneer in this Town —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 16. 1785 Present Messrs. Scollay, Mackay, Jeffries —
M^r. Walter Perkins appeared, & pray'd that he might have the approbation of the Selectmen as an Inholder in the House he has lately purchased, situate in Union Street
A Certificate given M^r. Scollay to Treasurer Boyer that he is to have a draught next Draught Day for £17. 8/. Lamp Money —
M^r. Paul Farmer had an Order to receive into the Almshouse one Catherine Camerin Order [189.] dated Novem^r. 20. 1784 — and another to receive Alexander Thompson a poor Stranger Order dated Jany. 26. 1785 —
M^r. Thomas Barber, having applied to the Selectmen to be appointed an Inspector of Barrel'd Beef, Pork & pickled Fish

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 23rd 1785 Present Messrs. Scollay, Grenough, Mackay, Price,

Mr. Thomas Barber, upon his application, is appointed an Inspector of Pickled Fish Pork & Beef Barrell'd, for this Town — and was sworn to the faithful discharge of his duty by Mr. Justice Noyes —

Mr. Willm. Welch having been approved of as an Auchtionier — he proposed for Bondsmen — Thomas Cartwright Mariner & John Hooten Junr. and they are approved of and the Town Clerk is directed to draw the Bonds in the usual form —

Application having been made to the Selectmen for the use of the North Grammar School, for Mr. William Blacks preaching in the same — Liberty was granted untill the further Orders of the Selectmen, & on condition that all damages that may be sustained shall be made good, by Mr. Samuel Bently & Charles Willis with some others to the satisfaction of Capt. Mackay & Deacon Grenough —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 28. 1785 Present Messrs. Mackay, Grenough, Scollay, Ezekiel Price,

Capt. Elias Robinson of Engine N. 3. applies to the Selectmen for the premium allowed by the Town for playing first on the Fire which lately broke out at Elder Bakers House North End

Nathaniel Emms admitted a Watchman in Mr. Edmunds Watch in the room of Paul Vickery —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 2d. 1785 Present Messrs. Scollay, Grenough, Mackay, Price,

[190.] Mr. Caleb Hayden, Mr. William Parkman, & Mr. Lemuel Gardner, apply to the Selectmen, that they may respectively be appointed Inspecters of Barrel'd pickled Fish, Pork & Beef in the Town — sworn —

And they were approved accordingly —

Mr. William Clueston admitted an Engine Man in Compy. of Engine N. 11. in the room of John Foster —

Mr. Ebenezer Woodward has liberty to take Ballast from Deer Island, at three Shillings p Load; he paying for all

The Selectmen are to meet next Monday to compleat the Notification for a Town Meeting —

Passed upon Dr. Nathaniel W. Appletons State Accot. amounting as by Copy on file £32. 18. 11

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 7. 1785 Present Messrs. Scollay, Mackay,

Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for the March Meeting Monday next bieng the 14. Inst. 10 OClock Forenoon

Mr. Scollay and Mr. Frazier - - - - - - - a Committee to wait on the Revd. Mr. Thatcher — with the request of the Selectmen that he would open the ensuing Town Meeting with Prayer —

Messrs. Fleets are to have the printing of the Notifications for a Town Meeting —

Passed upon two Accounts of Paul Farmer late Keeper of the Almshouse amounting as by Copies on file to £1136. 16. 1¾ & £59. 7. 7d.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 9. 1785— Present Messrs. Scollay, Grenough, Mackay, Price,

The Town Clerk directed to Certify the Town Treasurer that M^r. Scollay is to have a draught next draught Day for the [**191.**] Sum of twenty-four pounds lawful Money out of the Lamp Money appropriation Money —

M^r. Robert Hodges upon his application to the Selectmen is appointed an Inspecter of Barreld pickled Fish, Beef, Pork, &^c. for this Town — and was sworn to the faithful discharge of his Duty by M^r. Justice Price —

M^r. Scollay had a Certificate on the Treasurer that he would be drawn for next draught Day — out of Lamp Money — £30 —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 14. 1785 Messrs. Scollay, Mackay, Price, Grenough —

M^r. John McElroy applies to be an Inspector of Barreld pickled Fish, Pork & Beef for the Town of & was sworn to the faithful discharge of his duty by Ezekiel Price Esqr —

John Rennery & Abraham Putham, apply to be appointed Watchmen for the new Watch — M^r. Saunders the same —

Isaac Wendell & M^r. Baker —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 16. 1785 Present Messrs. Scollay, Mackay, Price, Andrews, Tyler,

Isaac Wendell applies to be Constable of the Town House Watch — M^r. Singleton & M^r. Houghton, the same Samuel Horn W. Wells M^r. Leavet — Perkins —

M^r. Justice Greenleaff requested to issue a Warrant for the removal of Nathaniel Wales & Family out of this Town

M^r. Houghton authorized to ring the Old South Church Bell at 1. OClock & 9. OClock

M^r. Nazro directed to acquaint M^r. James, that he must omit ringing the old Church Bell at any other hour than 11. O Clock —

Mr. Arthur Langsford upon the recommendation of a number of Merchants appointed an Inspector of Barreld Pickled Fish, Pork & Beef for this Town, and was sworn to the faithful discharge of his duty by Ezekiel Price Esqr. —

M^r. Scollay & M^r. Price a Committee to cause the Appartment under the Town House to be fitted for the reception of the Watch —

[**192.**] M^r. Price desired to procure ten Chairs for the Selectmens Chamber, —

Capt. Mackay & Capt. Brown a Committee to settle with M^r. Roads as to the Repairs of the North Battery

ORDERED, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 7/6 p. Bushel, and that 12^d. p Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for thier Charges Pains & Livelihood; which is computed as follows Viz^t. —

	lb.	oz.	dr.
a 4^d. Loaf of white Bread must weigh - - - - - - -	1..	3..	13
a 4^d. ditto 3/4 Wheat 1/4 Rye Meal — d^o. - - - -	3..	..	..
a 4^d. ditto not above 1/2 Indian Meal — d^o. - - - -	4	-	-
Bisket of 3 Copper price - - - - - - d^o. - - - -	.–	10..	14

The Selectmen agree to issue a Warrant for the Town Meeting for choice of Governor &c., next Wednesday the 4th. of April —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting March 17. 1785
Town Clerk attended when a number of the Town Officers were sworn into Office by Mr. Justice Noyes —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 23d. 1785 Present Mess: Scollay, Price, Mackay, Brown, Tyler, Andrew, Capt. Brown, Grant,
William Masters David & Joseph Spears, John Bray being well recommended are appointed Inspectors of Barreld pickled Fish, Pork & Beef, for this Town and were sworn into Office by Mr. Justice Price — except David Spear who declines taking the Oath
Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting on Monday the 4. of April next bieng the first Monday in April, for the choice of Governor Lt. Governors Lt. Governor [*sic*] & Senators
to have the printing of the Notifications for the Town Meeting —
[**193.**] Mr. Andrews & Mr. Scollay a Committee to desire the Revd. Mr. Thatcher to open the Meeting with Prayer —
Mr. Badger proposes himself as an Auchtioneer for the present Year, and Martin Bicker Mercht. & Thomas K. Jones Mercht. as his Bondsman — approved —
The Town Treasurer to be desired to see Mr. May Hay weigher & demand the Rent due, and in case of neglect that he commences an Action for the recovery of the same —
The Selectmen have appointed the following Six Persons for the Town House Watch agreably to a late Vote of the Town ——
Isaac Wendell — Constable of the Watch
John Rennery
Abraham Putham
George Singleton
Samuel Horn
Thomas Pitcher — Watch to commence 1st. April next

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 28. 1785 Present Messrs: Tyler, Andrews, Mackay, Price, Scollay, Grant, Brown, Browne,
William Tracy proposes to renew his Bonds as an Auchtioneer & offers Norton Brailsford, Gentlemen, & John Tufts Inholder as his Bondsmen
Passed upon Accounts —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 30. 1785 Present Mess: Scollay, Andrews, Grant, Price, Browne,
Mr. Joseph Bassett Cooper applies to the Selectmen praying that he may be appointed an Inspecter of Barreld pickled Fish, Pork & Beef in this Town, bieng recommended by a number of Gentlemen he was approved of by the Selectmen & sworn into Office by Mr. Justice Price

[194.] One Elenor Morrison, who is pregnant, was brought into Town by Mr. Ebenezer Parsons from Cape Ann, is now at the Almshouse on the State Account —

Nathaniel Thomas & Wife have been in the Almshouse on the State Account, and came from Plymouth about eight Years since

Mr. Daniel Bell, who is well recommended, prays the Selectmen that he may be appointed an Inspecter of Barreld pickled Beef Pork & Beef in this Town — he was approved of accordingly & sworn into Office by Mr. Justice Price,

Mr. Partridge was requested to receive into the Alms house on the State Accompt one Mary Wainwright the Wife of James Wainwright a Stranger who is not an Inhabitant of any Town in this State, and has not wherewithall to support her

Capt. Job Wheelwright appointed an Inspecter of Barreld pickled Fish, Pork Beef &c. and was sworn into Office by Mr Justice Price

Mr. Joseph Barrel proposes to give the Town about twelve feet & a half of Land and the Clerk is directed to wait upon Mr. Barrel for the admeasurement &c. that a Deed may be drawn for the same

Lewis Hoyt Auchtioneer proposes, Daniel Jones Gentlemen & Thoms. Kilby Jones as his Bondsmen —

Nicholas Ronselet Auchtioneer proposes Capt. Francis Butler Merch^t. & John Clark Shipwright as his Bondsmen — approved

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 6. 1785. Present Messrs. Scollay, Tyler, Brown, Andrews, Grant, Price, Browne, Cunningham, Mackay

Mr. John Jutan Auchtioneer proposes Samuel Breck Esqr. & William Breck Merchant as his Bondsmen — approved

[195.] A number of Persons presented Proposals to the Selectmen for the Lands & Flatts on each side the Neck on the terms which the Town have voted, which Persons the Selectmen approve of they giving Bonds to fulfill the conditions the Town has stated at a late Meeting — their Names are as follows—Vizt.—

Additions

Messrs. Edward Tuckerman gentlemen, by consent Colo. John May in his room

Nathaniel Davis — Merch^t.
Nathaniel Curtis — Merch^t.
Caleb Davis Esqr.
Amasa Davis —Merch^t.
John Parker — Merch^t.
John Lucas — Esqr.
William Dall — Merch^t.
Robert Davis Gentleman
Joshua Farrington — Merch^t.
William Boardman. Merch^t.
Benjamin Cobb Junr. Distiller
Joshua Wetherbe — Gentleman
Stephen Gore — Currier —

And that the said Gentleman have a lease of the Towns Land on each side the Neck exclusive of the Bull Pasture —

The Selectmen have agreed, that such Persons as have been sued for the Fire Arms & Accoutrements lent them by the Town, shall have such suits drop'd on their producing a Small Arms & Accoutrements & paying Charges — John Lucas Esqr. who has commenced the Suits has been acquainted with this determination of the Selectmen — also that twenty Shillings will be received instead of a Gun Bayonet &^{c}. such Persons paying the charge incurred

William Greanleaff Esqr. proposes his Sons in Law M^{r}. Daws and M^{r}. Appleton, as his Bondsmen — approved

The Auchtioneers are to be informed that such as propose to renew their Licenses must first produce the State Treasurers Receipt for the Commission of one p c^{t}. due to the Commonwealth —

[**196.**] Joshua Eaton proposes to renew his Bonds as an Auchtioneer — & proposes Gideon Baley Merch^{t}. & William Conant Esqr. as his Bondsmen

M^{r}. James Gorden proposes to renew his Bonds as Auchtioneer & proposes Stephen Gore Carver & Benjamin Goldthwait Inholder as his Bondsmen —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 8 — 1785 Present Messrs. Grant, Brown, Price, Scollay, Cunningham, Andrews, Mackay, Browne,

A number of Gentlemen who had made application for the calling a Town Meeting, relative to some late Importations attended — and they proposed that the matter should subside for the present —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 11. 1785 Present Messrs. Scollay, Price, Mackay, Tyler, Brown, Andrews, Cunningham

Capt. Leach in the Brigg^{t}. from Gaudalupe loaded with Molasses, acquaints the Selectmen that he arrived Yesterday from said Place & brought his Vessel too at Rainsfords Island, that some time before he sayled the Men on board were all well who had the Small Pox at Gaudalope, that the Vessel had been well smoked & cleansed several times — Capt. Laha the Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island was directed to take on Shore every thing liable to retain Infection, and to give the Vessel another smoking & washing, and then to permit her coming up to Town, as in the Opinion of the Selectmen, it might be done with Safety to the Inhabitants —

The several Gentlemen for & against M^{r}. Cheney as Master of the South Writing School, attended & were patiently heard —

[**197.**] John Jutau Auchtionier proposes, Samuel Breck Esqr. & M^{r}. William Breck as his Bondsmen — approved

Peter Green proposes his being again Licensed as an Auchtioneer

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 13. 1785 Present Messrs. Scollay, Mackay, Tyler, Brown, Andrews, Grant, Price, Browne,

William Freeland appointed an Inspecter of pickled barrel'd Fish, Pork & Beef for this Town — and was sworn to the faithful discharge of his trust —

Capt. Eustis has leave to open a Drain in Sudbury Street near his House he making good the ground & Pavement to the satisfaction of the Selectmen —

The Selectmen having taken into consideration the Petitions of a great number of the Inhabitants relative to Auchtioneers — approved of the following Persons only, who produced Receipt from the Treasurer of the Commonwealth that they had settled with him to the 1st. of March Ins^{t}. for the one p c^{t}. Duty — Viz^{t}.

William Greanleaff Esqr.
Messrs. Russel & Clap
Messrs. Parkman & Hinckly
Edward Procter Esqr.

John Badger, provided he has his Office ———

John Jutean — — the Northward of the Bridge

Nicholas Rouselet — Paid the whole of what is due to the Selectmen, to M^{r}. Woart, for a Dinner —

M^{r}. Hamlin one of the Haywards is desired to procure two good Bulls

The Selectmen having received a Deed of a piece of Land, of 12 feet 6 Inches, the line being drawn from the Corner of M^{r}. Thomas Greens House in Dock Square to the Corner of M^{r}. William Greanleaffs, Brick Store in Coopers Alley — bieng Generously given by Joseph Barrel Esqr. to the Town of Boston the Clerk is directed to get said Deed Recorded in the County Records sent by M^{r}. Nazro —

[198.] Jacob Nounues a French Man, bieng sent to this Town from Providence — Capt. Partridge was required to receive him into the Alms house of which he is y^{e}. Keeper on the States Account he bieng poor & not having wherewithall to support himself —

Messrs. Russel & Clap proposes John Green Printer & James White Stationer as their Bondsmen as Auchtioneer — approved by the Selectmen —

M^{r}. Scollay is to have a draught next Draft Day on the Town Treasurer for Eighteen Pounds to be paid out of Lamp money Appropriation, — Certified by order of Selectmen to the Treasurer

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 17. 1785 Present Mess:

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 20. 1785 Present Messrs. Scollay, Brown, Andrews, Grant, Mackay, Price, Browne, Tyler,

Capt. Marston prays leave to open the Main Drain in State Street near his House in order to repair the same Liberty is granted, on condition that he proceeds as the Law directs and

makes good the Ground & Pavement to the satisfaction of the Selectmen —

Mr. Scollay has received of several Persons on Account of Mrs. Brookers Donation — Vizt. —

Of Mr. Minot for Interest due	£18 —	
Of Mr. Sweetser . . . for ditto	4	
		£22

And has been divided among the Selectmen for the purpose of its bieng distributed according to the intention of the Donor — Vizt. —

	Dollars	
Capt. Mackay has received of the above Sum of £22—	8	
Ezekiel Price Esqr.	8	
Capt. William Brown	8	
John Andrews	8	
[199.] Moses Grant	8	see Novr. 22d. 1786
Mr. Cunningham (which were distributed)	8	
John Browne Esqr. (which were distributed) (as by List exhibited)	8	
Capt. Tyler - - - - - -	8	Lawful Money
	64	Dollars £19.14 —
John Scollay Esqr. - - - - - -		2.16 —
		£22 —

Mr. Lewis Hoyt Petitions that he may be again Licensed as an Auchtioneer —

Mr. Eaton makes application that he may be again Licensed as an Auchtioneer —

Joseph Whittemore Cooper appointed by the Selectmen an Inspecter of Barrell'd Pickled Fish Pork & Beef for this Town and was sworn to the faithful discharge of his trust by Ezekiel Price Esqr.

Mr. Browne & Mr. Price a Committee to order necessary Repairs to the South Grammar School & to the Dwelling House Mr. Hunt dwells in —

Mr. Price & Mr. Andrews a Committee to order the necessary Repairs to Mr. Carters Writing School & the House he dwells in —

Mr. Scollay & Mr. Browne a Committee to apply for the Rent due for the Labratory & the Granary improved for some time past by this Commonwealth —

Mr. James Gorden Petitions that he may be again Licensed as an Auchtioneer —

Mr. Samuel Cheney is appointed Master of the Southermost Writing School, for four Months, commencing from the 20th. of April Instt. And the Selectmen meet at Monday next 10 O Clock Forenoon on the Town House Floor, in order to proceed to said School, and Induct the said Cheney as Master of the same —

[200.] Captains Mackay, Brown & Tyler a Committee to take orders with respect to the Repairs of the North Burial Ground Walls &c.

Mr. John Ingersol was this Day put into possession of the

Towns Lands at the South Battery as their Tenant untill further Orders, by the Selectmen, paying as a consideration therefor at the rate of five Shillings p Annum, & to deliver up the same when required by the Selectmen on one Days notice

Captains Mackay Brown & Tyler a Commee. to apply to Messrs. Harris & Brother, for the removal of the Wreck, purchased by said Harris near the North Battery —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 21. 1785. Present Scollay, Price, Mackay, Brown, Andrews, Grant, Tyler, Browne, Cunningham

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 23, 1785 Present Messrs. Scollay, Price, Mackay, Brown, Andrews, Grant, Tyler Browne Cunningham

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 25, 1785 A.M. Present Messrs. Scollay, Price, Mackay, Browne, Grant, Tyler —

The Selectmen went this Forenoon to the Southermost Writing School, and introduced Mr. Samuel Cheney as Master of said School, when it was recommended, that he gives due attendance at School Hours, and constantly open the School in the Morning and close the same in the Evening with Prayer, that he exert his Abilities for the Instruction of the Children under his care in Writing & Arithmitick, and for preserving regularity & good Order in the School — And that he does not fail causing the Children to read a Portion of Scripture every Day — and of instructing them in the Catachism once a Week — The Children were exhorted to attend closely to the rules & orders of the School & [**201.**] diligently to improve the advantages they were under for making proficiency in Writing Arithmitick &c.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 25, 1785 P.M. Present Mess: Scollay, Mackay, Andrews, Brown, Tyler, Cunningham Andrews Brown. [*sic*]

Passed upon Accounts

It is the unanimous determination of the Selectmen that no allowance shall be made to Constables for warning Town Meetings, Application having this day been made by several Constables for that purpose; as the Law lays a fine upon such Constables as shall neglect their duty in such warnings —

Orders given Mr. Matthew Nazro chosen by the Town, Clerk of Fanueil Hall Market, for his government in said Office

Mr. Brown & Mr. Cunningham appointed to take orders for the repair of the Street leading from the South Burial Ground thro. Pleasant Street also the Bridge thereon — together with the Fence in the front of the South Burial Ground —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 27. 1785 — Present Messrs. Scollay, Tyler, Cunningham, Andrews, Brown, Mackay, Grant, Browne,

John Newell Cooper appointed an Inspecter of pickled Barreld Fish Pork & Beef in this Town

Mr. Joseph Eustis has leave to break Ground in Sheaff Street for a Sink, he making good the Ground & Pavement to the satisfaction of the Selectmen —

Mr. Payne prays leave to open a Drain from his House in Back Street, Liberty is granted provided the Ground & Pavement is made good to the satisfaction of the Selectmen —

Next Wednesday Assigned for appointing an Orator for July 4th. —

Mr. Nazro to direct the attendance of the Sextons next Wednesday —

[202.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 4. 1785 Present Messrs. Scollay, Andrews, Tyler, Cunningham, Grant, Brown, Mackay, Price

A Peice of Land Leased to Mr. Belknap for 99 Years; the 8th. of March 1696 the Lease commenced; the Rent 8/ P annum, as will appear on the Record of Deeds Page 66 —

A Certificate given Treasurer Boyer that John Coffin Jones Esqr. is to have a draught in his favor next draught Day for £184 — being for 200 Small Arms at 18/ £180 —
10 Chests? 8/ — 4 —

£184

as p Bill Parcels on Monthly File

The Sextons attended, and were directed by the Selectmen to put the several burial Grounds in decent Order by having the Tombs & Graves well covered & secured — nothing to to be done to the Walls untill further Orders —

The Selectmen having considered the Application of the Butchers who occupy the Stalls in Fanueil Hall Market that the present Rents may be lower'd; determined, that no abatement be made on said Rents —

Mr. Hamlin one of the Haywards was directed to remove the Dead Carcasses on the Common, and in cases where the Persons bringing the dead Bodys cannot be discovered they are to be removed at the charge of the Town —

Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting Tuesday the 10th. Day of May 10 O Clock Forenoon —

Mr. Price & Mr. Andrews a Committee to wait on the Revd. Mr. Howard — and request his opening the Town Meeting with Prayer —

Mr. Griffiths — to have the printing of the Notifications —

John Gardener Esqr. appointed an Orator for the 4th. of July next —

Mr. Price & Mr. Brown a Commee. to acquaint him with this Appointment —

[203.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 6. 1785 Present Messrs. Scollay, Andrews, Tyler, Grant, Browne,

Adjourned to Monday next, 11. O Clock before Noon

Mr. Sohier the Mercht. to be notified of the Meeting

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 9. 1785 Present Messrs. Scollay, Price, Andrews, Mackay, Tyler, Brown, Grant.

The affair of the Lamps which have been broke again taken up

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 11. 1785 — Present Messrs. Scollay, Andrews, Brown, Tyler, Mackay, Grant, Browne,

M^{r}. Partridge Keeper of the Almshouse is requested to let a George King who is a poor Person sent there on the State Acc^{t}. to leave the House, Advancing him a months Board to support him on the Road —

M^{r}. Scollay, Price & Browne a Committee to prosecute one Juba Smith for breaking a Lamp at the Corner of Chardons Lane —

M^{r}. Brown & Cunningham a Committee to view the Common & Report what further Fencing may be necessary for the better security of the same —

M^{r}. Browne & Cunningham a Committee to order necessary Repairs to Cow Street —

The Selectmen have Agreed to meet at 4. O'Clock in the Afternoon untill September next —

The Selectmen examined the Account of the charge of repairing the Drain in Sudbury Street amounting £7. 10. 5^{d}. and Assessed the several Proprietors to defrey said charge eight Shillings & 10^{d}. each & impowered Capt. Benjamin Eustis to Collect the same —

[**204.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 29. 1785 Present Mess:

The Selectmen went to Master Hunts Grammar School

M^{r}. Nazro delivered to M^{r}. Enoch May Carpenter eight Posts being what were taken up from Dock Square and housed below the same to be erected in the Common, under direction of John Lucas Esqr.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 18. 1785 Present Messrs. Scollay, Price, Cunningham, Andrews, Mackay, Tyler, Browne, Brown, Grant

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat 7 — p Bushel and that 12^{d}. p Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Viz^{t}. —

	lb.	oz.	dr.
a 4^{d}. Loaf of white Brick Bread must weigh - - - - -	1	5	3
a 4^{d}. ditto $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye Meal d^{o}. - - - - - - - - -	3	–	–
a 4^{d}. ditto, not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian Meal d^{o}. - - - - - - - -	1	–	–
Biskets of 3 Coppers price d^{o}. - . - - - - - - - - -	–	11	9

Gave M^{rs}. Martha Leaveret a Certificate that in the Opinion of the Selectmen, she is the proper Person to receive any Monies due to her Son James Carew for Wages while a Lieuvetenant & Agent in the American Army, he having lately deceased —

The Town Clerk directed to publish an Advertizement for the

Sale of Town Lands at North & South Battery as also the Land within the Fortification; —

Mr. Scollay & Mr. Andrews a Committee to order the necessary Repairs to the Hospital at West Boston —

Mrs. Bartlet was acquainted, that unless the Incroachment made by her on the Towns Land are speedily removed, the Selectmen must take the steps of the Law for that purpose —

[205.] Mr. Price & Brown a Committee to view the Funeral Ground near the Granary — & give order as to the Repair of the Fences & other matter that may be necessary —

Application to be made for the revival of the Act relative to Lamps —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 24. 1785 Present Messrs. Scollay, Brown, Mackay, Andrews, Grant, Cunningham, Price, Browne, Tyler —

The Selectmen have considered

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen May 30. 1785 Present Messrs. Mackay, Scollay, Tyler Browne, Grant, Andrews, Price,

The Selectmen considering the price of labour as it now is and what it may be in future, have agreed that the Watchmen & Lamp Lighters shall be drawn for the coming Month at the present Rates but, to determine the next Draught Day, what their wages shall then be —

Mr. Nazro, directed to call upon Mr. Cazneau for the Key of the Store he has hired of the Town, his Quarter bieng up the 1st. of June next —

Passed upon Accounts —

Mr. Price & Mr. Brown a Committee to view the Drain near the Work house —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 1st. 1785 Present Messrs. Price, Scollay, Cunningham, Mackay, Tyler, Andrews, Browne, Grant

Mr. Andrews & Mr. Grant a Committee to view & allow Mr. Cazneau the value of what he has left in the Town Shop —

Mr. Enoch James appointed Master of the Hancock Engine in the room of Mr. Stone who has resigned —

[206.] Mr. Brown & Mr. Cunningham a Committee to run the Fence upon a Western Line then to the Beach & from the Margin of the Beach so far down towards the Water Mark as may be sufficient to inclose the Common, and prevent its being damaged by the passing of Carriages, Horses &c.

Capt. Tyler Brown & Capt. Mackay a Committee for the repair of Fleet Street —

Mr. Nazro directd. to desire the attendance of Mr. Robbins next Wednesday —

Mr. Scollay & Mr. Price appointed a Committee to procure Council to prosecute Capt. Halls trespass on the Towns Land, where a Building has been erected

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 8, 1785 Present Mess. Scollay, Price, Mackay, Tyler, Brown, Andrews Cunningham, Grant

The Draught on Town Treasurer for May last closed & examined by the Selectmen —

Mr. Andrews & Mr. Grant a Committee to view the Town Shop let to Mr. Edmund Green & direct as to necessary Repairs as also to enquire into any incroachment made on the Land belonging to it —

The Selectmen have agreed that Mr. Edmund Green shall have the Towns Shop lately improved by Mr. Cazneau at thirty six pounds p Annum, Rent to commence when he is put into possession —

Mr. Scollay & Mr. Price a Commee. to enquire & make certain the quantity of Land the Town owns at South Battery

Capt. Mackay, Brown & Tyler a Committee for the above purpose, with respect to the Town Lands at North Battery —

John Scollay Esqr. to have a Certificate, that he is to have a draught on the Town Treasurer next Draught Day for twenty four pounds ten Shillings, out of appropriation Lamp Money — Memo. settled with Treasurer & the Certificate is on the file of next Papers —

[207.] Capt. Downe enters a complaint against Mr. Barber a Surveyer & packer of pickled Fish, for neglect of duty when required, as a sworn packer to pack & mark his Fish —

Mr. Nazro is to require Mr. Barbers attendance next Wednesday —

Mr. Tuckerman applies for part of the Towns Land within the Fortification —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 15. 1785 Present Messrs. Andrew, Mackay, Tyler, Brown, Browne, Cunningham,

Messrs. Browns apply for the purchase of part of the Towns Land within the Fortification Gates — also Majr. Farrington & Nath. Davis

Jonathan Cushing Cooper applies for his being appointed a Surveyer of pickled Barrel'd Beef Pork & Fish

Mrs. Ross Wife of James Ross bieng disorder'd in mind was sent to Mr. Tukesbury to be taken care of, for which he is to be allowed by the Selectmen what is reasonable for her support & his care, untill he can come to Boston — the Husband who is expected from Sea & the Father of the Woman John Conn of Harvard in the County of Worcester, are to be called upon for the charge that may arise, if it appears they are able to defrey it —

The Selectmen agree to provide twenty load of Gravel & no more towards paving the narrow way leading down Quaker Lane — Mr. Amory engaging to compleat the paving —

Mr. Joseph Eaton complains, that Mr. Carter had given unsuitable Correction to his Child, for a very triffle —

Mr. Nazro is directed to require the attendance of Mr. Carter, also Mr. Eaton & his Son next Wednesday 5. OClock P.M: —

Mr. Jonathan Cushing Cooper appointed an Inspecter & Brander of Barreld pickle'd Fish Beef &c in this Town & was sworn to the faithful discharge of his duty by John Brown Esqr.

Mr. Scollay. Price, Cunningham a Comee. to view the Towns Land within the Fortification to employ a Surveyer to measure said Land & to Report the same to the Board —

[208.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 22d. 1785 Present Messrs: Scollay, Price, Brown, Grant, Cunningham, Andrews, Mackay, Browne,

The Selectmen have agreed to attend the Visitation of the Schools on Wednesday the 6th. Day of July — of which the respective Masters are to be made acquainted by the Town Clerk

The Selectmen propose to visit Deer Island on Fryday the 1st. day of July next — the Boat to be at the Town Dock, and to set off from the Wharff at 9 O'Clock — the Company to meet at the Selectmens Chamber —

Mr. Cunningham & Mr. Browne a Committee to order necessary repairs to Purchase Street —

Timothy Pease Cooper was on the recommendation of a number of Gentlemen, appointed one of the Inspectors of Barrel'd pickled Fish Pork, Beef &c. — and was sworn to the faithful discharge of his trust by Mr. Justice Price —

On a complaint of Mr. Joseph Eaton, that one of his Sons had received unsuitable correction from Master Carter of the Writing School in Queen Street, the Parties were sent for and after due enquiry it appeared, that there was not sufficient ground for said complaint — Mr. Eaton was then reminded of the mischief which must follow from any weakening of the Government of the public Schools — and Mr. Carter was directed to continue his best endeavors to maintain that order which has so much contributed to the present reputation of his School —

Mr. Brown & Mr. Andrews a Committee to provide a suitable Place for the delivery of the Oration on the 4th. of July next — and to take order for the suitable celebration of that Anneversary —

Moved and Voted, that the complaint entered by Capt. Downe against Mr. Barber and Inspecter of Barreld pickled Fish, for neglect of duty, be dismissed, its not bieng sufficiently supported —

The petition of the Fishermen to be taken up next Wednesday —

[209.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 27. 1785 Present Messrs. Scollay, Price, Mackay, Tyler, Brown, Browne, Cunningham, Andrews,

Passed upon Accounts —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 28. 1785 Present Messrs. Price, Scollay, Brown, Capt. Brown, Cuningham. Tyler, Grant, Andrews,

Yesterday on information of a Vessel bieng expected in from Leghorn Messrs. Price, Brown & Andrews waited on his Honor the Lieut. Governor as a Committee to request of him to lodge an

Order at the Castle to Stop any Vessel that may arrive from the Mediterranian, and not suffer them to come up to Town till the Selectmen may be satisfied as to their Bill of Health — His Honor acquainted the Com^tee^. that he would issue orders agreable to their desire.

This day Capt. of the Ship attended the Board, being from *Leghorn* produced his Bills of Health, and otherwise satisfied the Board, receivd permission to unload his Cargo —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 29. 1785 Present Messrs. Price, Scollay, Andrews, Tyler, Cunningham, Browne, Grant

Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for Town Meeting July 4th. next, the Day on which Independence was declared — but no printed Notifications are to be dispersed —

9 Petit Jurors drawn, for Sessions

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 1. 1785 Present Messrs. Scollay, Brown, Tyler, Andrews, Brown, Mackay—

The Commanding Officer at the Castle gave information on the Yesterday that the Ship —— from Leghorne was stopped at the Castle, on which D^r^. Appleton was desired to visit said Ship, when he Reported that he had been on board & had seen the Captain who showed him his Bill of Health & informed him that he had had no sickness on board since he left his Ports that he had nothing on board as Cargo that was liable to retain infection — on this information a Billett [**210.**] was wrote the Commanding Officer at the Castle to prevent the ship to come to Town

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 2^d^. 1785 Present Scollay, Browne, Tyler, Brown, Grant, Andrews, Makay, Price

The Town Clerk is directed to publish an Advertizement relative to an Inspection in the Centinal of this Day respecting a Ship with infectious Disorders —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 13. 1785 Present Scollay, Andrews, Browne, Mackay, Cunningham,

John Scollay Esqr. to have a draught the next Draught Day for Twenty pounds — out of Lamp Money appropriation —

Israel Cook Cooper appointed an Inspector of Barrel'd pickeled Fish Pork Beef &c. and the oath was administred to him by John Browne Esq.

John Smith Cooper appointed and took the Oath as above bieng appointed an Inspector —

M^r^. Andrews & M^r^. Grant a Committee to view George Street, and Report what Repairs are necessary —

M^r^. Andrews & M^r^. Grant a Committee to view Mr. Pembertons Hill, and take order respecting the same

Capt. Partridge informs that Nathaniel Thomas & his Wife of Plymouth, and Eleanor Morrison of Cape Ann & Her Child who

are in the Alms house on the State Accompt are now well, and may leave the House immediately —

Capt. Partridge was directed March 1. to receive a James Fisher an Infant, the Mother Elizabeth Fisher, a Stranger March 18. an Infant of Elizabeth Steene named John Barnard — April 3. Betsy Coven Daughter of Mary Coven — April 5. Nancy Rann Daughter of Elener Morrison — May 4 — Suckey Forster Daughter of Elizabeth Ivers — May 6. Catharine How, Daughter of Anna Hows — July 8 John Comerle, a Child of Rebecca Wallis, to be supported at the State Expense, bieng all Strangers — Orders signed by M^{r}. Scollay & Browne

Capt. Phillips informs of a Stranger who had been in the Continental service & was going Passenger in Capt. Glascott [**211.**] to Ireland, was this Morning taken ill, and is now a Corps in the Pilot Boat — the Selectmen gave M^{r}. Jones Sexton direction by M^{r}. Nazro, to have him buried as one of the State Poor —

The Selectmen have agreed to view the Land within the Fortification, and at the Bottom of the Common Satturday next 11. O Clock —

The Assessors acquaint the Selectmen, that the Tax Books will be ready to deliver the Collectors in about a fortnight —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 19. 1785 Present Messrs. Scollay, Andrews, Browne, Grant, Price, Brown,

M^{r}. Andrews & M^{r}. Grant a Committee to give directions for taking down a Rail or half a Rail near the Market in order to widen the Passage way for Carts & other Carriages to pass —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 21. 1785 Present Messrs: Scollay, Cunningham, Price, Andrews, Grant, Browne, Mackay, Tyler, Brown

On the Business of removing the Market House to the Rear of the Brick Buildings

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 23^{d}. 1785 Present Scollay, Price, Browne, Tyler, Mackay,

For the choice of six extra Jurors.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 25. 1785 Present Mess. Tyler, Scollay, Grant, Mackay, Browne, Cunningham, Andrews,

Constable Wendell complains that two of his Comp^{y}. viz. Thom^{s}. Pitcher & John Rennery, are deficient in their Duty — and proposes William Baker & John Frank as Watchmen in their room

Passed upon Accounts —

[**212.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 27. 1785 Present, Mess: Grant, Scollay, Browne, Tyler, Mackay, Andrews, Price,

John Owen Cooper appointed an Inspector of Barrel'd pickled Pork Beef Fish, and was sworn to the faithful discharge of his trust by John Browne Esqr.

William White to have a draft in this Months Draught for ten pounds, in part of work done —

Ebenezer Herring to have a draught in this Months Draught for eight pounds in part for building a Wall at the North Burying Place

Mr. Mungo Mackay & others a Committee in behalf of a number of young Gentlemn. about forming themselves into a Compy. for the better acquainting themselves the Military Arts having apply'd to the Selectmen for the use of Faneuil Hall twice or three times a Week in the Evening in order of Instructn. The Selectmen quite desirous of incouraging a Military Spirit, freely consent to said Companys improving the Hall as desired not doubting but due care will be taken to prevent damage to the Building, and that their Exercises will not be carried too late into the Evening —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 3d. 1785 Present Messs: Cunningham, Price, Browne, Mackay, Tyler, Brown, Grant, Scollay, Andrews,

Mr. Nazro is directed to keep any Persons from entering the Selectmens Chamber, without permission for that purpose and in order to effect it that he keep without the Door

Mr. Scollay has received on Account of Bookers Donation

Vizt. — Of John Fullerton one Years Interest on £40 —		£2. 8
Augt. — of Thomas Cartwright, — do. —	60 —	3. 12
		£6 —

[213.] The following Sum of £6 — was distributed as follows Vizt—

By Mr. Scollay to Widow Delaplace	£1. 2	
Widow Lowel	1. 6	
		£2. 8
Mr. John Brown recd. to distribute & was distributed as by List		1
Capt. Mackay		1. 12
Capt. Tyler		1.
		£6

Samuel Avis Cooper on his Application is appointed by the Selectmen an Inspector of Barrel'd pickled Pork, Beef, & Fish — and was sworn to the faithful discharge of his trust by the Town Clerk —

The Assessors acquaint the Selectmen that the Tax Books will be ready for the Collectors Monday next

Mr. Nazro directed to acquaint the Collectors & desire their giving in to the Selectmen next Wednesday the Names of Persons they propose as Bondsmen —

The Selectmen this Day passed upon the List of Licensed Persons for the last Year, and directed the Town Clerk to make return as usual —

Mr. Scollay authorized by the Selectmen to apply to some Merchant to send for a number of Globe Lamps not exceeding sixty —

also to get such a number of square Tin Lamps made as he shall think necessary—

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 4 1785 Present Messrs. Scollay, Mackay, Browne, Tyler, Brown, Grant, Price, Cunningham, Andrews

M^{r}. Brown & M^{r}. Grant a Comm^{ee} to give Orders for repairing the Pavement in Beacon Street near the Governers —

The Selectmen have Agreed to visit Rainsford Island on Wednesday the 17th Intth —

[**214.**] Passed upon the several Petitions for Licenses as Retailers & Inholders, as by Copies on file —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 11 1785 Present Messrs. Scollay, Price, Tyler, Andrews, Grant, Browne,

Mr. Bayley proposes Ephraim Copeland, & James Bayley as his Bondsmen who were approved of by the Selectmen

M^{r}. Thompson Collector proposes Isaiah Doan Merch^{t}. & Capt. Job Prince Senr. Merch^{t}. as his Bondsmen — and were approved by the Town —

M^{r}. Williams a Collector appears and declines giving Bond —

M^{r}. Daniel Parker proposes Henry Swan Shopkeeper & George Makepeace Traders as his Bondsmen — who were approved of by the Selectmen —

Liberty granted George Longley to open a Drain from his House in Newbury Street to y^{e}. Common Shore — he making good the Ground to the satisfaction of the Selectmen —

M^{r}. Tory applies for liberty to open a Drain near his House on Olivers Dock — Liberty granted he making good the Ground &c. —

M^{r}. Browne & M^{r}. Cunningham a Comm^{ee}. to repair such of the public Streets at the South end as they shall Judge proper —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 12. 1785 Present Mess^{s}. Scollay, Brown, Tyler, Andrews, Grant

M^{r}. Scollay desired to make enquiry respecting a Child in Lexington which the Selectmen by their Letter suppose to belong to Boston

Jurors chosen —

M^{r}. Scollay has agreed for the Selectmen with M^{r}. Cheney of Roxbury to Cart Gravel & spread it on the Neck, as well as find the Gravel, to the satisfaction of the Selectmen at 2/8^{d}. p Load.

[**215.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 17. 1785 Present Messrs: Scollay, Andrews, Mackay, Price, Cunningham, Browne, Grant,

M^{r}. Scollay & M^{r}. Price a Committee to repair & let the Cellar under the Statehouse —

Capt. Partridge Keeper of the Alms-house was informed that the Selectmen approve of M^{r}. Coven his Wife & five Children sent to the Almshouse on the State account, leaving said House — and he was requested to supply them with a Weeks pay for thier passage —

Mr. Ebenezer Tory applys for liberty to repair the Main Drain in Water Street — Liberty granted, provided the Ground & Pavements is restored to the approbation of the Selectmen, and all Persons interested in the same are notified as the Law directs —

Gave a Cirtificate to the State Treasurer that Mary Daws is Widow to William Daws late in the Continental service & in thier opinion the proper Person to receive what may be due to him for services in the Continental Army —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 24. 1785 Present Messrs. Cunningham, Brown, Tyler, Scollay, Browne, Andrews, Price, Mackay,

Capt. Robinson of Engine N. 3 applies for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing thier Engine to work first on the Fire at the Mills — Granted by the Selectmen—

Certificate given Mr. Parker a Collector of Taxes for the Assessors, he having produced Bondsmen to the approbation of the Selectmen

Mr. Thomas & his Wife in the Almshouse as Strangers now supposed to be Inhabitants of Plymouth to be supplied in order to carry them to Plymouth, with 6 lb Beef 6 lb Bread, Vegitables 1 lb Coffee 1 lb Sugar

[216.] Mr. Peirce applying for a Tomb in the North Burying Ground, said to be vacant — Mr. Tyler & Capt. Brown appointed a Committee to view the Tomb & make enquiry who was the Original Proprietor — & Report

Upon the application of a number of Gentlemen for the paving Marshals Lane — Mr. Andrews & Mr. Grant a Committee to view the Lane & make Report —

Mr. Mackay, Tyler, Andrews & Brown a Committee to view the Pavement near the Head of the Long Wharff & Report an Estimate of the charge of repairing the same

Mr. Price and Mr. Brown to apply to some Gentlemen of the Law for their opinion relative to the resignation of one of the Collectors after having been sworn to the faithful discharge of their trust — to report to a special Meeting of the Selectmen Fryday next 11. OClock Forenoon —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 29, 1785 Present Messrs. Scollay, Cunningham, Andrews, Tyler, Grant, Price, Brown,

Charles Williams Gentlemen, one of the Collectors propose Benjamin Edes Printer & Thomas Parker Brazier, as his Bondsmen — who were approved of by the Selectmen —

Passed upon Accounts —

Passed upon Account of William Moor, belonging to the State amounting as by Copy of Account on file to £42.. 18.. 5d.—

James Ross a Stranger whose Wife is disordered in mind & has been for sometime kept at Deer Island having applied for Relief— the Selectmen consented that she should still be kept there, and the charge defrey'd by him when ever his Circumstances will permit it —

Passed upon William Homers State Account am°. to £ 20.7-2— as p Copy to be sent, now on file

Passed upon Mathew Nazro State Acco^t. am°. as p Copy to be put on file when sent to £ 27.5-1 —

[217.] Ordered that the Clerk issue a Warr^t. for a Town Meeting on Fryday the 2^d. of Septem^r. next 3. O Clock A.M. —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 31. 1785 Present Messrs. Scollay, Tyler, Brown, Andrews, Cunningham, Browne, Mackay, Grant —

The Brig^ne. Dolphin Capt. Othan from Marsales bieng stopt at the Castle, D^r. Appleton was directed to make proper Inspection, & having done it he Reported, that there had been no sickness on board, his Cargo Salt Wine & Fruit so that in his Opinion she might come up to Town with the utmost safety — whereupon the Capt. of the Castle was desired to permit her passing that Fortress —

Passed upon Accounts not acted upon on the Draught Days

A Committee from the Proprietors of the New School in Pleasant Street, appeared, and acquainted the Selectmen that they were ready to let said School to the Town for another year, provided a Master might be apppointed in the room of M^r. Cheney; otherwise it was their intention to take said School into their possession

M^r. Isaac Peirce is permitted to make use of a Tomb in the North Byring Ground, he repairing the same, and agreeing to restore the Tomb if any of the former Proprietors should ever apply for the same & reimburs him for the expence of Repairs —

On the Petition of M^r. Batey & others — the Selectmen viewed the Wall on the back of M^r. Fayrweathers, Store on the Dock adjoining Land of said Batey; and adjudged, that it was necessary that twenty feet of said Wall should be taken down from the Top, in order to make it safe for M^r. Batey to Erect a Store on his Land —

[218.] Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 5. 1785 Present Messrs. Scollay, Andrews, Tyler, Brown, Grant,

The Selectmen met to carry into execution the late vote of the Town for enlarging the Street on Dock Square — when it was mutually agreed between Judge Wendell & the Selectmen, that Col°. Daws, M^r. Crafts & M^r. Clements shall determine what sum the Town shall pay M^r. Wendell for the Ground he is to give in to the Street, to enable him to repair the front end of the Store, which is to be taken down in order to widen the Street, agreable to said Vote of the Town —

M^r. Scollay, Andrews & Grant a Committee to see the Vote of the Town aforementioned carried into execution —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 7. 1785 Present Messrs: Scollay, Andrews, Tyler, Grant, Cunningham, Brown, Price,

The Committe relative to Judge Wendells Store, Report That

they do estimate the taking down & rebuilding the front End of the Hon^{bl}. Oliver Wendell Esq. including work & Materials — If done in Wood, Sixty six Pounds — If done in Brick seventy six Pounds —

£66 —	Thomas Daws
76 —	William Crafts
	Thomas Clements —

Report on file of Mixt Papers

M^{r}. Gold Constable of the S^{o}. Watch on his Application is to have the Building without the Fortification, lately improved by M^{r}. Trescot, for the Sum M^{r}. Samuel May Esqr. shall estimate it to be worth — said building was formerly improved as Watch House —

The Selectmen have agreed to allow Capt. Spencer three Dollars for the passage of Mary Reed to Province Town on the Cape —

Capt. Partridge Keeper of the Almshouse required to receive one Elizabeth Henley Stranger into the House —

[**219.**] M^{r}. Grant & M^{r}. Andrews a Committee to view Engine House on the Mill Bridge, on the application of D^{r}. Winship who wishes to have it removed —

Capt. Brown, M^{r}. Tyler & Capt. Mackay a Committee to view M^{r}. Fowles Land, & where he proposes to run a Fence & Report to the Selectmen —

M^{r}. Cunningham appointed to enquire where would be a suitable place for the Engine House now near Liberty Tree to be removed to —

Comm^{ee}. to view M^{r}. Fowles Land Reported that he have liberty to lay a Platform over the Water course lead^{g}. to Olivers Dock — & improve the same he having said Watercourse always clear & open at his own expence —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septm^{r}. 14. 1785 Present Messrs. Cunningham, Scollay, Andrews, Price, Grant,

ORDERED. that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat 7/6 p Bushel; and that 12^{d}. p Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Viz^{t}. —

	lb.	oz.	dr.
a 4^{d}. Loaf of white Brick Bread must weigh - - - - -	1	3	13
a 4^{d}. ditto $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye Meal d^{o}. - - - - - - - -	3	–	–
a 4^{d}. ditto not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian Meal d^{o}. - - - - - - -	4	–	–
Biskets of 3 Coppers price - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	–	10	–

Mary Freeman approved of as a Retailer for her House near Boston Stone

M^{r}. John Pope having applied to the Selectmen for liberty again to open a School at the South End of the Town, for teaching Reading, Writing, Arithmetic & Branches of the practical Mathematicks, — Permission was accordingly granted by the Selectmen —

Constable Wendell attended & was directed to pursue the derections given him in Writing as Constable of the Watch —

M^{r}. Scollay, Price, Andrews & Grant,— a Committee to cause

Actition [*sic*] to be brought against Royal Tyler, for the trespass by him committed against the Towns Land on the Dock —

[220.] Mr. Cunningham having Reported, that Mr. John Row Esqr. is willing that the Engine House at the South End near Liberty Tree should be placed on his Land, Rent free — Mr. Cunningham is appointed to give direction for the immediate removal of the said Engine —

Mr. Grant & Andrews a Committee to see Mr. Winslow and know of him and the other Proprietors, when they can have the School House, and also the terms —

Mr. Vinal is to be notified by Mr. Nazro, that his attendance at the Selectmens Chamber next Wednesday — is desired —

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen Septemr. 21. 1785 Present Messrs. Scollay, Andrews, Tyler, Brown, Grant, Browne, Price,

On complaint entered by Mr. Johonnot & Hastings of a defective Chimney in a House owned by Mr. Moulton at South End & occupied by some Negroes — Mr. Scollay Andrews & Cunningham a Committee to make inspection & Report —

Capt. Tyler, Capt. Brown & Capt. Mackay a committee for the North part of the Town, to order repairs to such Pumps in the Street as are like to be serviceable in case of Fire,

Mr. Browne Mr. Grant, & Mr. Cunningham a Committee for the above purpose their Bounds to the Southward of the Town House taking in the Pumps at New Boston —

Mr. Tukesbury directed not to permit Mr. Sergeant Mr. Woodward, Mr. Spear, Mr. Wells & Mr. Matthews to take any more Pavement Stones from Deer Island, untill further Orders.

Mr. Procter to have the Sale of the Towns Land at the South part of the Town —

Mr. Andrews & Mr. Grant a Committee to order Repairs to Daws & Coolidges Store —

[221.] Liberty is granted to Mr. Wells Mr. Payne & others who are forming a Compy. of Cadets, to make use of Faneuil Hall two evenings in the Week, they not interfering with the Evenings of the first Compy. who now make use of the Hall for carrying on Military Exercises —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 22d. 1785 Present Messrs. Scollay, Mackay, Andrews, Grant, Tyler, Cunningham, Brown, Price,

The Selectmen met & considered relative to their proceedure in the Sale of the Towns Land at So. Battery, to come on this Day about 12 O Clock —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 26, 1785 Present Messrs. Scollay, Cunningham, Browne, Mackay, Grant, Andrews, Brown, Tyler, Price

Passed upon Accompts —

Mr. Nicholas Pierce to have a draught on Account of Paving — for thirty pounds —

Mr. Scollay & Mr. Price a Commee. to engage Council in the Causes relative to Dock —

Master Vinal has leave of absence for ten Days or a fortnight—he having provided help for the Care of the School for said time —

Mr. Dewit is to occupy Mr. Hews Stall in the Market House —

Boston Ss : At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 28, 1785 Present Messrs. Scollay, Tyler, Andrews, Brown, Grant, Browne.

The following was sent the Commanding Officer of Castle William —

[222.]

BOSTON Septemr. 28. 1785

Sir

With the approbation of his Honor the Lieut. Governor, we have to request of you that upon the arrival of any Vessel from the Mediterranian which shall be stopped at the Castle, you will proceed on board and strictly enquire if there has been any sickness on board & strictly enquire if there has been any sickness on board since they left the Port, examine their Bill of health and observe if the number of Men on board ; correspond with the number mentioned in the Bill of health & what Cargo they have on board, and Report to the Selectmen

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

To The Commanding Officer
at Castle William

Capt. Christo Marshall prays liberty to open his Drain in Cow Lane —

Mr. Nazro is to call upon Capt. Partridge & acquaint him that Thomas Rice his Wife & two Children may have a passage to Falmouth in the Packet or some other Vessel, he making Provision for their support & in case they decline they must then be sent from Town to Town till they get there, as the Law directs & to lay an Account of their support before the Board. He is also directed to apply to a Justice to remove Rebecca Wallace & her two Children to Braintree of which Town she is an Inhabitant bieng there free born & that Capt. Partridge makes provision & lay his Accounts before the Board —

A Letter wrote the Selectmen of Plymouth inclosing an Acct. of the charge for supporting Nathl. Thomas & Wife & desiring payment as by Copies on file —

[223.] Passed upon other Accounts for this Month

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 5. 1785 Present Messrs : Scollay, Mackay, Brown, Tyler, Andrews, Grant, Cunningham

The Selectmen consent that Mr. Goold Constable of the South Watch, shall take the Watch House now standing on the Neck, for three pounds, the Sum it has been appraised at by Mess: Moses May & Thomas Bayley —

Dr. Bulfinch having applied for liberty to open a Drain near his

House, the same is granted on condition that he makes good the Ground & Pavement, to the approbation of the Selectmen —

Mr. Daniel Oliver applies in behalf of Elisha Ticknor that he may be permitted by the Selectmen to open a private School in Town, for the Instruction of Youth —

On Major Farringtons Application, the Town Treasurer was authorized to receive one quarter part of the purchase Money for the 127 – feet of Towns Lands sold at Auchtion last Thursday, and struck off to Mr. Bird (who bid in behalf of said Farrington) for two pounds sixteen Shillings p foot, the other three quarters to be paid in three months, when a Deed of the said Land is to be delivered him, — the Land sold being bounded Westerly on the Main Street, commonly called Orange Street, Northerly on Land now under Lease to Capt. Curtis and Southerly on Boston Neck.

The Justices & Overseers of the Poor, are to be requested to attend at the Selectmens Chamber Monday next 4 O'Clock P.M. in order to agree upon the time for a walk or visitation of the Town —

Mr. Grant & Andrews a Committee to treat with Mr. Winslow respecting a Schoolhouse lately improved by Mr. Dupe known by the Name of Sandemons Meeting house & agree for the hire of the same for such a term of time as the Town may stand in need of having said Building —

[224.] Next Wednesday is assigned, to appoint Persons to give information respecting any breach of the late Navigation Act, and all offences against any Agreements entered into by Manufacturers &c

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 10. 1785 Present Messrs Scollay, Browne, Tyler, Brown, Andrews, Grant, Mackay,

The Justices & Overseers attended, and a walk or Visitation of the Town on Wednesday next 10 O'Clock:

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 12. 1785 Present Messrs: Scollay, Andrews, Brown, Tyler, Mackay,

The Justices & Overseers, met the Selectmen, and made return of their doings on the Visitation with the particular state of the several Wards, as p. Copy on file —

Benjamin Sumner Junr. a late Collector, having produced Receipts from the several Treasurers that he has paid the full of what has been committed to him to Collect for the Year 1783 — the Town Clerk was directed to deliver him up his Bonds for said Year —

Mr. Scollay has received in part of Interest of Mr. George Minots Bonds, bieng part of Bookers Donation — Nine Pounds — and has been divided as follows Vizt. —

to — Mr Scollay	£ 1..10 —	
Mr. Tyler	2.. – —	
Capt. Brown	2.. 16 —	
Mr. Andrews	2.. 14 —	
	——	£9 —

they to make distribution according to the intention of the Doner—

Passed upon Ellison & Eayres State Acco^{t}. for work done at Hospital at Rainsfords Island am^{o}. to £ 155. 14. 5.— as P Copy on File —

[225.] M^{r}. Elisha Tickner is approbated by the Selectmen to keep a School for the Instruction of Youth in this Town in Grammar & Arithmetick —

M^{r}. Brown on the late Visitation Represents that the Chimnies of a House owned by the Widow Knight is in so ruinous a state as to become dangerous to the Safety of the Town —

M^{r}. Browne appointed to examine Capt. Partridges Accounts as Keeper of the Almshouse —

Next Wednesday Assigned for appointm^{t}. of Persons to prevent breaches of Act of Trade —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 19, 1785 — Present Messrs. Cunningham, Scollay, Browne, Andrews, Brown, Mackay —

A Committee from the Proprietors of the Southermost Writing School acquaint the Selectmen that at a Proprietors Meeting of said School, they had passed a Vote recommending M^{r}. Elisha Tickner for Master of said School, and will consent that the Town retain said School provided the present recommendation meet, the approbation of the Selectmen —

Capt. Brown, M^{r}. Brown & M^{r}. Andrews a Committee to assertain the Bounds of the Land lately sold Caleb Davis &^{c}. on the Neck —

M^{r}. Andrews & Browne a Committee to view the Shop lately improved by a Negro, & to put the same in tenentable Repair for M^{r}. Burke provided he consents to the Rent it has stood at —

The Selectmen having considered the Vote of the Proprietors of the Southermost Writing School this Day laid before them by ye Comm^{ee}. direct the Town Clerks to acquaint them — that they [226.] have provided a School House near the Center of the Town for M^{r}. Cheney, and it is supposed the School will be ready for the reception of the Scholars within a Fortnight, when agreeable to the frequent request of the Proprietors, their School House will be delivered up to them —

M^{r}. Thomas Uran applies that he may be appointed one of the Sealers of Wood —

M^{r}. Browne a Comm^{e}. to apply to James Sullivan Esq. for advice respecting a House at New Boston in a dangerous state & to Report at next Meeting of the Board.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 21. 1785. Present Messrs. Scollay, Browne, Andrews, Cunningham, Grant, Brown,

The Town Clerk directed. to issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting the 26. Day of October Inst^{t}.

M^{r}. Fulsome to have the printing of the Notification. for Town Meeting —

M^{r}. Browne & M^{r}. Andrews a Committee to apply to Judge

Sullivan for drawing up a Law relative to Wood brought to Market —

A Letter sent the Selectmen of Marblehead acquainting them that a George Phillips an Inhabitant of the Town of Marblehead bieng sick & destitute was sent to the Almshouse & when able to leave the House an Account of the expense would be sent them —

Boston Ss : At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 31, 1785 --

Present Messrs. Scollay, Brown, Mackay, Cunningham, Andrews, Grant, Price.

Passed upon Accounts —

Extra Jurors drawn out of Box —

[227.] D^{r}. Chauncy asks leave to open a drain from his House in Marlborough Street to the Main Drain, Liberty granted, he making good the Ground & Pavement to the satisfaction of the Selectmen —

Boston Ss : At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 2^{d}. 1785

Present Messrs. Scollay, Mackay, Andrews, Tyler, Browne, Brown, Grant, Cunningham —

Josiah Williston Cooper, applies to the Selectmen for his being appointed an Inspector of Barrel'd pickled Pork Beef Fish &c. —

He was approved of by the Selectmen & was sworn to the faithful discharge of his trust by John Brown Esq.

Eleanor Hayley a Young Woman, who is poor & pregnant was sent to the Almshouse on the State charge she says John Pappoon is the Father, a House Carpenter living in Pond Lane —

It is agreed with M^{r}. Robert Pope, that he shall have the care of the Town Clocks & shall constantly & every Week see them regularly wound up & put into Order, so that equal time be kept by them all & should they want any little Repair such as a Nut or a Pin he is to do it at his own expence for which he is to receive nine pounds p Annum & that if any Repairs shall be necessary in his Opinion he is to Report the same unto the Selectmen in order to receive their directions, and for any such Repairs he is to receive a reasonable allowance —

M^{r}. Browne to call upon Judge Sullivan as Town Council relative to such Proprietors of Toombs as refuse paying their proportion of charge —

M^{r}. Cunningham to supply M^{r}. Vinal with ten Cord of Wood —

[228.] Boston Ss : At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 3^{d}. 1785 —

Present Messrs. Scollay, Price, Mackay, Brown, Andrews, Cunningham, Grant, Tyler,

Selectmen Executed Deeds to John Rowe Esq & Wendell Esq.

Boston Ss : At a Meeting of the Selectmen last Octo^{r}. 1785 —

Present Messrs Scollay, Price, Tyler, Grant, Mackay, Andrews —

Capt. Laha Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island, Re-

ports — That the Briggne. Dunemnon from So. Carolina Capt. Gardner arrived below 3 Days ago had a Man on board broke out with the Small Pox about two Days since. Vessel only in Ballast —

Gave Capt. Laha Orders to take the sick Man with his Bedding &c to the Hospital then to smoke & cleanse the Vessel, when she is permitted to come up to Town, they satisfying him for the customary expence that may arise —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Nov. 9. 1785
Present Messrs. Scollay, Browne, Andrews, Brown, Grant —

Mr. Andrews & Mr. Grant agreable to appointment have provided a School for Master Cheney in the House formerly called Sandemons Meeting, for which they have stipulated with Mr. Isaac Winslow in behalf of the Proprietors of said House to pay said Winslow or the Proprietors at the rate of twenty pounds L M: P Annum, and in behalf of the Town they have contracted for one Year & as much longer as the Town may Judge proper to retain it & said Winslow has further agreed, that what Repairs has been done by the Town to the Wood House & Necessarys shall be estimated by three indifferent Persons & what ever benefit shall be Adjudged to the Proprietors thereby shall be allowed by them to the Town — the Key of said House was received the 7th. Inst. —

Mr. Nazro is directed to apply to Justice Greenleaff for a Warrant to carry one Mary Wyer a Molatto, to Charlestown where she is an Inhabitant she bieng infirm & unable to support herself —

[229.] On a Motion Voted, that next Wednesday Afternoon be assigned to take into consideration the Application made by Dr. Mayes for the use of Faneuil Hall three Evenings in the Weeks for the purpose of delivering his Lectures on the Philosiphy of Natural History —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 14 1785 —
Present Mess Mackay.

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 16. 1785 —
Present Messrs. Scollay, Mackay, Andrews, Price, Browne.

Gave Colo. Sargeant a Certificate that Mr. Samuel Austin, Father of Jonathan Williams Austin, a late Major in the Continental Service, is the proper Person to receive any Monies due to him for services in the Continental Army —

Mr. Thomas Uran, appointed a Sealer of Wood upon the several Wharves, in this Town —

Capt. Mackay & Mr. Tyler to supply the public Schools at the North, with the same quantity of Wood as the last Year —

Mr. Andrews & Mr. Grant to supply Mr. Carters School as above —

Mr. Sullivan is to have access to the Town Records & Papers attended by one of the Selectmen or the Town Clerk —

John Brown Esq & John Andrews being a Commee. of the Board to attend the fixture of the Land Mark between the Proprietors of the North part of the Neck upon the So. East side &

Towns right to the Southward of the same now under Lease to the same Proprietors attended & saw a Pillar of Stone fixed on the side [230.] of the Road in such manner as that the boundary Line runs direct through the middle of said Stone —

The consideration of Dr. Mayes application to be taken up next Wednesday —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 23d. 1785 —

Present Messrs. Scollay, Price, Browne, Mackay, Andrews, Cunningham, Grant,

Capt. Partridge was required to receive into the Almshouse one Eleanor Morrison from Cape Ann to be supported at —

James Marston appointed by the Selectmen one of the Inspectors of Barreld pickled Fish Pork & Beef & took an Oath of Office which was administred by Ezekiel Price Esq —

Mr. Nazro Clerk of the Market is directed to acquaint Mr. Bryant & other Occupiers of Stalls in the Market that they immediately desist from picking & packing Provisions in the Market House or within the Rails, & in case they continue in the practise Mr. Nazro is directed to burn such Barrels without the Rails —

Moved & Voted that the Assignment relative to Dr. Mayes Lectures be discharged & no further notice taken of his Application —

Mr. Nazro is directed to acquaint the Persons who exhibit Puppet Shows that they immediately desist from such exhibitions, otherwise they may expect to be prosecuted therefor as the Law directs —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 28. 1785 —

Present Messrs. Mackay, Tyler, Scollay, Cunningham Browne, Andrews, Price —

[231.] Mr. Partridge Keeper of the Almshouse, was requested to receive into the Alms house to be supported at the charge of this State one Elizabeth Fisher & her Child named James she not bieng an Inhabitant of any Town in this State & bieng in destitute Circumstances — Order signed by Mr. Scollay & Mr. Tyler —

Passed upon Accounts —

The Selectmen complained to Justice Greanleaff that one Hannah Wales alias Nightingale an Inhabitant of the Town of Braintree is now strolling about this Town & in no way to support herself — they therefore requested his Honor to issue a Warrant for the removal of the said Hannah from this Town to Braintree aforesaid —

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at 7 p Bushel, & that 12d. p Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood which is computed as follows — Viz —

	lb.	oz.	dr.
a 4d. Loaf of white Brick Bread must weigh	"	"	
a 4d. ditto ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal d°.	"	"	
a 4d. ditto not above ½ Indian Meal — d° —	"	"	
Biskets of 3 Coppers price	"	"	

Mem°. Blanks not filled up by the Selectmen

Boston Ss : At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 30 1785 —
Present Messrs. Scollay, Browne, Andrews, Price, Tyler —

M^{r}. Thomas Bracket is to have a draught on the Town Treasurer next Draught Day for Forty pounds, bieng so much over charged in an Acco^{t}. settled with the Town Treasurer bieng for one Years Rent of Land on the East-side of the Neck for 1773 — the Land having been improved by him only for 1771 & 1772 when in said Acco^{t}. he stands charged for 1773, the Year it was improved by M^{r}. How & Saunders who paid the Rent for the same —

[**232.**] Passed upon two Accounts of Capt. Sam Partridge amounting as by Copies of said Accounts on file to £ 1623. 7- 7½. &. £86. 19. 2½ —

M^{r}. Scollay is requested to call upon M^{r}. Payne & M^{r}. Hastings & others who have received Monies for Tickets for D^{r}. Mayes Lectures, for the benefit of the Poor & receive the same —

The Town Clerk directed to Certify the Town Treasurer that Ebenezer Herring is to have a draught in the next Draught for the Sum of fifty four Pounds eight Shillings —

Boston Ss : At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 2^{d}. 1785 —
Present Messrs. Scollay Mackay, Price, Browne, Andrews, Tyler —

The Selectmen received the Monies raised by D^{r}. Mayes's Lectures for the Poor, One hundred thirty four and a half Dollars —

The Selectman distributed £ 48
Delivered Overseers 96½

134 ½

The Selectmen distributed as follows Viz^{t}. —

The Widow Stevens	4	Scollay
M^{rs}. Dyke	4	Scollay
M^{rs}. Read	4	Scollay
M^{rs}. Geyer	4	Scollay
M^{rs}. Warden	3	Andrews
Widow Jackson	3	Andrews
Widow Lepear	3	Andrews
M^{rs}. Holland	3	Andrews
Widow Whittle	2	Tyler
Widow Gooding	2	Tyler
Widow Brick	4	Tyler
M^{rs}. Clough	2	Tyler
Widow Hall	3	Tyler
3M^{rs}. Oultons	4	Brown
2M^{rs}. Browns	3	Brown
	48 Dollars	

[**233.**] Boston Ss : At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 7. 1785 —
Present Messrs. Scollay, Price, Andrews, Grant —
Selectmen attended Town Meeting —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 14. 1785 —
Present Messrs. Scollay, Andrews, Cunningham, Price, Grant, Browne —

M^{r}. Hews who keeps a Fish Market appeared & several Persons with him, & complain'd that M^{r}. Woodward was shutting up the Dock where his Market was placed — M^{r}. Woodward attended, & was warned by the Selectmen not to proceed in filling up the Dock —

M^{r}. Scollay & M^{r}. Andrews a Comm^{ee}. to make enquiry as to the Right of the Dock & Report.

The Selectmen consented to pay in behalf of the State to Timothy Ballard of Andover 7/ p Week for Mathias Taylors Board, bieng a Stranger & disordered in mind & also Poor & destitute —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 21. 1785 —
Present Messrs: Scollay, Price, Mackay, Andrews, Tyler, Grant, Cunningham, Browne —

Ordered by the Selectmen that M^{r}. Nazro remove M^{r}. Coolidge & Robinson from thier stalls in Faneiul Hall — and Abijah Brown is to be placed in the same —

M^{r}. Pope who has the care of the Clocks Reported as on file — and said Pope is directed to repair the North Clock, provided said Repairs do not exceed £4 10

Capt. Benjamin Gorham approved of to keep a Tavern on Dock Square at the House known by the Name of the Pine Tree Tavern, — licensed the present Year —

M^{r}. William Billings appointed to inspect Trade
Capt. John Ballard - - - - - - - - d^{o}.
Capt. John Ingersol - - - - - - - d^{o}. — gone to Carolina
Col^{o}. David Mason - - - - - - - d^{o}.
Capt. Benjn. Gorham - - - - - - - d^{o}.
[234.] M^{r}. John Ingersol to Inspect Trade —
And each of them were made acquainted with their appointment as by Copy on file —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 26. 1785 —
Present Messrs. Mackay, Cunningham, Andrews, Tyler, Grant, Scollay, Price,

Passed upon Accounts —

ORDERED, that the Assize of Bread be set at wheat at 7 p Bushel and that 12^{d}. p Bushel be allowd to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood which is computed as follows. Viz^{t}.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
a 4^{d}. Loaf of white Brick Bread, must weigh - - -	1.	5.	3.
a 4^{d}. ditto $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye Meal — d^{o}. - - - - -	3.	–	–
a 4^{d}. ditto not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian — d^{o}. - - - - - -	4.	–	–
Biskets of 3 Coppers price - - - - - - - - - - - -	–	11.	9

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 28th. 1785—
Present Messrs. Scollay, Tyler, Andrews, Price, Grant, Browne—

M^{r}. Scollay, Brown & Grant a Committee to obtain a fair Copy of the By Laws, from the Comm^{e}. who made the Revision in order for their bieng presented to the Court of Sessions —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 31. 1785 — Present Messrs. Scollay Mackay, Tyler, Grant, Andrews —

The Selectmen having met in consequence of an Information respecting a Child of D^{r}. Crockers being taken down with the Small Pox at Col^{o}. Shaws N^{o}. End; and finding the Parents & Friends of the Child totally averse to its bieng removed — have Ordered — That the House be shut up & kept so, & that no one have intercourse with it except the Doctor & he is directed to shift his Clothes & take the utmost care to prevent any communication of the Distemper — that whatever supplies they may want must be brought to them from without as no one must leave the House to receive them — that a red Flag be hung out at the most conspicuous Part of the House that any one in the House liable to receive Infection must be kept at a distance from the Child And the Board expect that the above Order or directions are punctually & implicitly attended to — A Copy of the above was handed by Capt. Tyler to M^{rs}. Shaw —

[**235.**] Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 4. 1786 —

M^{r}. Jonas Green approved of as a Retailer of Spirituous Liquors at the House improved this Year by M^{r}. Stackpole —

Boston Ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 11 1786

Present Mess^{s} Cunningham Mackay, Scollay, Grant, Tyler, Browne, Andrews,

The Selectmen direct the Clerk to deliver up the late Collector Parker decease'd his Bonds for the Year 1782. The Reepts of the several Treasurers for the Sums committed to him to Collect within the said Year, having been produced to the Selectmen —

The Selectmen having examined the Bills of charge for the repairs of the Common Shore in Hanover Street by M^{r}. John Codman, find the amount thereof to be £16..12.. — which Sum has been proportioned among the several Proprietors in the Common Shore as p a List given in to the Selectmen, all of which is on file — and William White, Paver was authorized to collect the Same —

Capt. Hunt of Engine N°. 2 proposes John Richardson Junr. as an Engine Man for his Comp^{y}. in the room of one Isacre —

M^{r}. Scollay & M^{r}. Price a Comm^{ee}. to advise & take order relative to one Haden & Child sent to this Town by Warr^{t}. from the Town of Waltham —

The Selectmen have Agreed that the By Laws shall be printed in a large Octavo, the number of Books by the Vote of the Town to be 1800 — The several Printers are to be notified to give in thier proposals in writing by next Wednesday 3 O'Clock P.M. for printing the same by the Sheet with a good type & good Paper, to be stiched with blue Paper —

An attested Copy of the above was given M^{r}. Nazro to be shown the several Printers —

[**236.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 18. 1786 —

Present Messrs. Cunningham, Scollay, Mackay, Brown, Andrews, Grant —

Messrs. Swan & Makepeace brought to the Selectmen from the Widow of the late Collector Parker, his Tax Books N°. 3. 4. 5. & 11 for 1785, — to be kept untill the Town shall determine about, the future Collection of said Taxes —

A number of Printers sent in thier Proposals for printing By Laws, when it appeared that M^{r}. Edwd. Freeman Printer, offered to print the same at One penny p Sheet, agreable to a sample of Paper & Type sent in & which was the lowest terms of any of the proposals —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 20. 1786 —
Present Messrs: Scollay, Grant, Andrews, Tyler, Browne, Brown —

Gave M^{rs}. Mary Simpson a Certificate that She as Widow to Francis Simpson deceased late of Col^{o}. Voses Regiment in the Continental service & a Soldier in Capt. Hunts Comp^{y}. is the proper Person to receive any Money due to him for wages or other services while in the Continental Army —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 25. 1786 —
Present Messrs: Scollay, Browne, Andrews, Tyler —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 30. 1786 —
Present Messrs: Mackay, Scollay, Andrews, Grant, Tyler, Browne,

Passed upon Accounts

The Assessors again applyed to for a List of Names for the Jury Box —

[**237.**] *Ordered*, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 7/ p Bushel, and that twelve Pence p Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows Viz^{t}.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
a 4^{d}. Loaf of white Brick Bread must weigh	1	5	3
a 4^{d}. ditto $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye Meal d^{o}.	3	–	–
a 4^{d}. ditto not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian Meal d^{o}.	4	–	–
Bisket of 3 Coppers price d^{o}.		11	– 9

Capt. Elias Robinson of Engine N 3. applies for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing thier Engine to work first in the Fire which lately broke out at the Mills North End — drawn for —

Capt, Mackay & Capt. Tyler, appointed a Committee to settle with M^{r}. Rhodes for the Rent now due for the Wharfe at the North Battery, & to make him such allowance as they may think proper considering the damage done to said Wharf by the stress of Weather & the inroads of the tide, and to let said Wharff to M^{r}. Rhodes on such terms as they may Judge reasonable —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 1. 1786
Present Messrs: Scollay, Mackay, Tyler, Cunningham, Andrews,

Joseph Eayrs approved of as a Retailer of Spirits at his Shop in Essex Street —

Gave a Certificate that Sarah Read Widow of Joshua Read deceased a late Soldier in Col°. Greatons Regiment, is the proper Person in the opinion of the Selectmen to receive what is still due to him as wages while in the Continental service —

Passed upon Accounts to be included in the present Draught —

[238.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 6 1786. A.M.

Present Messrs. Scollay, Price,

Boston Ss : At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 6. 1786. P.M.

Present Messrs. Scollay, Andrews, Tyler, Grant, Mackay,

Delivered young M^r. Parker, the Tax Books brought to the Selectmen by the Bondsmen of the late Collector Parker —

Boston Ss : At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 8. 1786 P. M. —

Present Messrs. Scollay, Tyler, Cunningham, Andrews, Browne, Brown, Price,

Jurors drawn —

Joseph Prince improving M^r. Knights Shop, appointed by the Selectmen to Inspect as to breaches of the Acts of Trade agreable to a late Law of this Commonwealth — & made acquainted of his appointment as p Copy on file —

Boston Ss : At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 11, 1786

Present Messrs. Scollay, Tyler, Andrews, Price, Browne, Mackay, Grant —

Information having been given the Selectmen, that it was suspected that Mr Edward Savage, had been Inoculated in this Town for the Small Pox — Several persons were desired to attend at the Board & were examined, as by Minutes on file —

Boston Ss : At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 13, 1786 —

Present Messrs. Scollay, Andrews, Brown, Grant, Tyler —

M^r. Carter attended & proposing to give information of a Doctor (whose Name he might mention provided he received assurance that no damage should accrue to him tho: he did not Inoculate M^r. Savage, this was given him) when the Selectmen rec'^d. information that he was carried to the Hospital at New Boston sometime the latter end of last Week, — and that the Small Pox had broke out on said Person —

M^r. Nazro was then directed to give the usual directions in case of any Person bieng sent to the Hospital, for M^rs. Richardson to govern herself by — The Clerk directed to publish an Advertizement —

[239.] Boston Ss : At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 15, 1786 —

Present Messrs. Cunningham, Tyler, Scollay, Grant, Price, Andrews, Browne —

Capt. Joel Cushing of Engine N°. 7 proposes Henry Davidson & Oliver Wiswell Jr. as Engine Men in the room of Ebenezer Torey & Thomas Ruggles —Approved of —

Capt. John Champney of Engine N°. 11. proposes Peter McIntosh, James Tate & John Dent for Engine Men in the room of Ebenr. Cushing John Crosby & Moses Eayres —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 22d. 1786 —

Present Messs. Scollay, Mackay, Andrews, Cunningham, Browne —

Capt. Samuel Harris approved as an Inspector of Barrel'd pickled Beef, Pork & Fish — And the Oath of Office was administred to him by Mr. Justice Browne —

Passed upon John Marstons Accounts of the charge of opening a Drain in State Street as p Copy to be placed on the files

Passed upon Dr. Appletons State Account for the Almshouse from May 1783 to 1784 amounting to £543. 7- 9- as p Copy to be on file when sent in by the Doctor —

Next Monday Afternoon assigned for appointing the Officers of the Police —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 27. 1786 —

Present Tyler, Cunningham, Scollay, Price, Browne,

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 7 /p bush: & that twelve Pence p bush: be allowed to the Bakers for their charges pains and livelihood which is computed as follows — Vizt—

	lb.	oz.	dr.
a 4d. Loaf of white Brick Bread must weigh	1.	5.	3
a 4d. ditto ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	3.	–	–
a 4d. ditto, not above ½ Indiean Meal do.	4.	–	–
Biskets of three Copper price	–.	11.	9

Passed upon Accounts —

[240.] The Selectmen have agreed to allow Mr. Tukesbury twenty Dollars for building a Linter [Lean-to] & finding Materials, twenty-eight feet by ten — to be finished to the approbation of the Selectmen —

Mr. Scollay has received of John Sweetser Esq. Interest on his Bond for £66. 13. 4 — for one Years Interest £4 — bieng Brookers Donation — and has been divided as follows — Viz —

Mr. Scollay given to Widow Delaplace —	£ —	12	
Mr. Brown	1..	4	
Mr. Tyler	..	18	
Capt. Mackay	1..	6	
	£4 —		

see April 19. 1786 —

The several School Masters are requested to read the By Law relative to Snow Balls to their Scholars and to enjoin a strict observance of the same as they would avoid the penalty

Boston Ss : At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 1. 1786 —
Present Messrs. Scollay, Tyler, Andrews, Cunningham, Price, Grant, Browne —

Passed upon other Accounts besides those on draught Day —

Mr. Scollay. Mr. Andrews, & Mr. Cunningham, a Commee. to view the Town Buildings near the Labratory, to make proposals for necessary Repairs to the Occupiers & agree for a reasonable Rent in future —

Mess : Moses & Joseph Vose, excused from paying anything for Rent of Deer Island the Year 1775 provided they have received no compensation of Government for the loss they sustained in bieng removed by Order of General Thomas —

Boston Ss : At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 6, 1786 —
Present Messrs. Scollay, Mackay, Cunningham, Browne, Tyler, Price,

Mr. John Wear applies to be appointed a Ticket Porter
Mr. Michael Mollineux — do. proposes Joseph Head as Bondsmen
Daniel Collins — Qualified
Timothy Robinson —
William Vinson —
Benjamin Pool —
Peter Spring —

[241.] Memo. Mr .Cade informs with respect to the Sextons charge That for digging a Common Grave they charge 6/ opening a Toomb 6/ for a Funeral, a large pall 6/ a small Pall 3/ —

The Sextons charge for carrying a Corps 4/ each, — For warning 100 Persons to attend Funeral, collect & returning Chairs 15/ Tolling. 3 Bells — 2/ —

The names of the Persons who are willing to Undertake the charge of Funerals — Vizt. —

John Cades	Samuel Curtis
Joseph Edmunds	Sam : Duncalf
Robert Newman	Matthew James
Elijah Adams	Jesse Houghton
John Jones	Ede Venuvere
William Mc.Fadden	Ebenr. Herring

Boston Ss : At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 7, 1786 —
Present Mess : Scollay, Price, Tyler, Andrews, Grant, Browne —

Town Clerk directed to issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting the 13th. Instant 10. OClock Forenoon for the choice of Town Officers —

Mess : Russel & Warden has the printing of the Notifications —

Mr. Scollay & Capt. Tyler to wait upon the Revd. Mr. Stillman & ask him to open the Town Meeting with Prayer —

Boston Ss : At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 8. 1786 —
Present Messrs. Scollay, Cunningham, Browne, Price, Andrews, Grant.

Passed upon Dr. Appletons State Account for Supplies of the

Hospital at West Boston, during the Sickness of Sarah Frost a Stranger, amounting to £ 31.. 15. 10d. as p Copy on file — Mr. A will send one —

Boston Ss At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 15, 1786 —
Present Messrs. Scollay, Cunningham, Walley, Dorr, Andrews, Tyler, Grant, Price.

Mr. Scollay, Walley, & Dorr a Committee to view the Land Colo. May & others have petitioned the Town for Satturday 10 O'Clock & Report thereon to the Board.

Capt. Joel Cushing of Engine No. 7. Applys for the Premium allowed for bringing his Engine first to play on the Fire at Mr. Fennos House — allowed by the Selectmen drawn for in April draught.

[242.] Mr. Dorr, Capt. Tyler & Mr. Grant a Committee to enquire with respect to a Suitable place for a Pound for Horses & Hogs at the North part of the Town, & to Report & the two former Gentlemen are appointed to view the Pavement leading to Charlestown Ferry —

Boston Ss : At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 21, 1786 —
Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Cunningham, Andrews, Walley,

Mr. Joseph Lovering applies for liberty to open a Drain into the Common Shore from his Workhouse he making good the Ground to the satisfaction of the Selectmen — Liberty accordingly granted, the directions of the law bieng complied with —

Mr. John Fairservice prays liberty to open a Drain into the Common Shore for cleaning near his House in Orange Street — Liberty granted on condition the Ground & Pavement is made good — & the Law relative to Drains complied with —

Boston Ss : At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 22d. 1786 —
Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr,

Mr. Whitwell & Mason applies that Mrs. Bonyng may have the Towns House which has been improved by the Widow Stevens which was approved of by the Selectmen —

Boston Ss : At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 24, 1786 —
Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Tyler, Grant, Walley, Price —

The Committee to view Cops Hill & enquire out the Spot of Ground the Granary formerly stood upon — Report that by the information of the most antient Inhabitants, the said spot was pointed out to them — therefore voted — that the Committee be desired to proceed in providing the Pounds ordered by the Town &c. on said Land —

Voted that the Committee appointed to view the defect in the pavement or street Leading to Charlestown Ferry or Charles River Bridge Proceed to see the same put in Order and call on the several abutters to do their part towards effecting the same —

Town Clerk directed to issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting on the 1st. Monday in April next, for the choice of Governor &c —

Mr. Dorr & Mr. Tyler a Commte. to wait on Mr. Stillman to desire him to open the Meeting with prayer —

[243.] Mr. Russel the Printer of the Centinel to have printg of Notification —

Orders — Voted to be given the four Inspectors of the Police as p Copy on file —

Mr. Billings has leave to improve the Hall one Evening in a Month at times that do not interfere with the Business of the Town untill further Orders —

The Selectmen have agreed unanimously to invite Mr. Jonathan L. Austin, to pronounce the Oration the 4 of July next in commemoration of the Independence of these States —

Boston Ss : At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 27, 1786 —

Present Mess : Scollay, Dorr, Walley, Tyler, Cunningham, Grant, Andrews.

ORDERED, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat a 6/6 p bushel and that 12 pence p Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Vizt. —

	lbs.	oz.	dr.
a 4d. Loaf of white Brick Bread, must weigh	1.	6.	11
a 4d. ditto — ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal, must weigh	3.	–.	–
a 4d. ditto not above ½ Indian, must weigh	4.	–.	–
Biskets of three Coppers price	–.	12.	6

Passed upon Accounts —

Obediah Thayer, applys to the Selectmen, that he may be appointed by them a Measurer of Wood coming into Town by Land —

Mr. Edmund Freeman to have a draught in this Months draught for twenty pounds, in part for printing By Laws —

Mr. Freeman has engaged that the By Laws shall be finished printing, in one month from this date —

Mr. Walley & Mr. Andrews a Committee to expedite the printing of the By Laws —

The Selectmen to whom was left by the Town the determination of the Watch to be laid aside, have agreed that it should be the Dock Watch [244.] And Mr. Nazro is directed to receive the Key of Mr. Wendell the late Constable & to receive the Polls, hour Glass & Shovel & a Lanthorn and lodge the same in the upper Chamber at Faneuil Hall.

The Selectmen have agreable to a Vote of the Town determined the wages of the several Watchmen to be retained by the Town — —Vizt. The Constables of the watch to have fifty-four Shillings & the Watchmen forty-two Shillings — p Month —

The Selectmen have agreed, that the Occupiers of the Building called the Labratory, putting the same into Repair at their own Expence — are to pay as Rent for the same thirty Pounds p Annum — sent Mr. Treasurer —

Boston Ss : At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 29. 1786 —

Present Messs. Scollay, Dorr, Andrews, Walley, Price, Grant, Tyler,

Selectmen directed the delivery of Mr. Cudworths Bonds for 1777. & 2 for 1778 — & Mr. Thomas Bond a Collector for 1783 —

Capt. John Holland of Engine No. 5. applies for the premium allowed for bringing his Engine to play first on the Fire which lately broke out in a House at Royal Exchange Lane —

Approved of & a draught given—

David Marston applies for being appointed an Inspecter of Barrel'd pickled Fish Pork Beef &c.

Samuel Healey applies to the Selectmen for being appointed an

Next Wednesday assigned for taking up the Business of the Hay Market — Mr. Nazro to desire Mr. Ballard who hires the Hay Market to attend at that time — as also Mr. Butterfield, Blake & Mr. Fessenden, who have complained, that Mr. Ballard is not a suitable Person for weighing Hay &c.

Mr. Freeman engages to finish the printing the By Laws in a fortnight or three Weeks at farthest —

Mr. Tyler & Mr. Dorr a Commee. to order Repairs to that part of Cross Street leading into Mill Pond —

[**245.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 31. 1786 —

Present Messrs. Price, Tyler, Walley, Scollay, Andrews, Grant,

Next Wednesday Assigned for affixing the prices of the Funeral Porters — as the By Laws of the Town direct —

Mr. John Newman a blind Man approved of as a Retailer of Spirituous Liquors at his Shop in Wings Lane —

Capt. George Ridgway applys for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing his Engine to work first on the Fire which lately broke out at Mr. Minots Barn — drawn for —

Voted, that he have a draught for the same next Draught Day —

Mr. Dorr & Capt. Tyler, appointed a Committee to forbid Mr. Hildrake from building on an old foundation in Lyn Street, as said Street will be too much narrowed thereby, & the Land being vacant, the Selectmen have a power by law to lay it into the Street —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 5. 1786 —

Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Andrews, Tyler, Cunningham, Walley, Grant,

A number of the Inhabitants attended, and complained of an old House in Dossets Lane, as a great Nusance, there being many Negros in said House who are making disturbances & by improper fires endanger the Estates near to them —

The Inspectors of the Police propose the following Persons as Scavingers — Vizt —

Messrs	John Lambert Junr. - - - - - - - -	for Ward No.	1
	John Ballard Junr. - - - - - - - -	for - - -	2
	Capt. John Ballard - - - - - - - -	for - - -	3
	Capt. Henry Faye - - - - - - - - -	for - - -	4
	Edward Weld - - - - - - - - - -	for - - -	5
	Samuel Beals - - - - - - - - - -	for - - -	6

[246.] John Allen - - - - - - - - - - for - - - 7
Capt. John Todd - - - - - - - - - - for - - - 8
Christ^o. Clark - - - - - - - - - - for - - - 9
10
William Billings - - - - - - - - - - for - - - 11
John McFadden - - - - - - - - - - for - - - 12

M^r. Edward Welds applys to the Selectmen that he may be appointed a Sealer of Wood for the North part of the Town — also M^r. Buck —

Approved, see April 26 —

The Inspectors Report the number of Negros &^c. in the House complained of in Dossets Lane — may be found in book —

Nathaniel Baker approved of as a Retailer of Rum & other Spirits at his Shop in Charles Street —

M^r. Ezekiel Russel approved of as a Retailer of Spirituous Liquors at his Shop in Orange Street S^o. End — see Page —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 12th. 1786 —

Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Grant, Andrews, Walley, Price, Cunningham, Browne,

Capt. Uran of Engine N°. 4 applies for the Premium for working first with his Engine on the Fire at a House in Royal Exchange Lane — M^r. Holland had a draught before in March last —

Capt. Hunnewell of Engine N°. 9 applies for a Premium at the Fire at Board Alley — which was granted — but draught suspended

Capt. Hunt of Engine N°. 2, has liberty to procure two new Hoses for his Engine —

M^r. Bucknam, & M^r. Simon Bradshaw applies to be measurer of Wood — not allowed —

Next Monday Afternoon 4. O'Clock assigned for appointing Persons as Auchtioneers —

[247.] M^r. Cunningham & M^r. Walley & M^r. Browne a Committee to acquaint the Proprietors of Sea Street with their Agreement as to that Street, & to do what is proper to be done thereon —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 7. 1786 —

Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Grant, Walley, Cunningham —

The Selectmen appointed M^r. Cunningham to agree with M^r. Robins, for the Stones to repair the Head Wall on Sea Street —

M^r. Cunningham Reported, that he had agreed with Capt. Robins for 3/ a Perch — said Committee viewed M^r. Smiths Land, and gave liberty to strike a streight line from M^r. Cushings Fence to the Corner of the Lane leading to the Rope Walks as staked out by the Selectmen —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 13th. 1786 —

Present Mess: Scollay, Price, Andrews, Tyler, Grant —

Jurors drawn, and entered in Jury Books —

Capt. John Newell appointed an Inspector of Oyl & took the Oath enjoined by Law which was administred to him by Ezekiel Price Esq

Boston Ss : At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 17, 1786 —
Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Price, Tyler, Andrews, Grant, Cunningham, Walley, Browne,

The following Persons have been approved of as Auchtioneers for the present Year, having produced Receipts from the Treasurer — Viz^{t}. —

	Bondsmen approved —
William Greenleaff Esq.	Thom.^{s} Dawes Junr. Esq.
	Nathl. Appleton Physician
Russell & Clap	John Green Printer
	James White Stationer
John Badger	John Leach Schoolmaster
	Thomas Leach Mariner
John Jutau	Sam & Will Brick. Merch^{ts}.
Nicholas Rosselet	Norton Brailsford Gentl^{n}.
	Joseph Clark
Hinckley & Kneeland	John Stoddar Gentleman
	Ben^{j}. Gorham Inholder
Elias Parkman	Thomas Melville Merch^{t}.
	Norton Brailsford Gentl^{n}.
Joshua Eaton	Gideon Baty Merch^{t}.
	James Eaton of Salem Merch^{t}.
Lewis Hoyt	Daniel Jones Gentleman
	Martin Bicker Merch .

Mem^{o}. Bonds to be dated the 17 of April

[248.] Col^{o}. Procter is approved of & is to be appointed so soon as he produces a Certificate — his Bondsmen Elias Thomas Sailmaker — Edward Proctor Junr. Tinman —

The Selectmen have agreed not to enlarge the number of Auchtioneers, beyond the present number ten —

Capt. Alexander Mackay approved of as a Retailer of Rum & other Spirits also Capt. Matthew Parke — at thier respective Stores, on the Town Dock —

Joseph Spear Junr. appointed an Inspector of Oyle in the Town of Boston and took the Oath enjoined by a law passed Novr. 1785 — which was administred to him by John Brown — Esqr.

Capt. Job Wheelwright appointed an Inspector of Oyl for the Town of Boston & took the Oath enjoined by Law, which was Administred to him by John Brown Esq.

Boston Ss : At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 19. 1786 —
Present, Scollay, Price, Andrews, Browne —

Certificates given respecting the Oil brought into this Port by Schooners Hannah & Ranger, as by Copies of all proceedings upon file.

Boston Ss : At a Meeting the Selectmen April 19. 1786.
Present Mess^{s}. Scollay, Price, Andrews, Tyler, Grant, Brown, Whalley

Capt. Robinson of Engine N°. 3 applies to the Selectmen for a premium for bringing his Engine to work first on the Fire which lately broke out at a Chairmans Shop in Prince Street — which was granted — drawn for

Moved & Voted, that the Firewards of the Town be desired to procure eleven Ladders for the Engines under their care, of such measure & and construction as they shall Judge best — & that they be mark'd with the name of the Engine, they shall be procured for.

Upon application of Mr. William Moor for erecting [**249.**] Posts before his House in Hawkins Lane — Mr. Scollay and Andrews a Committee to view the Street & give such liberty as they shall Judge proper —

Mr. Whalley appointed to view a Post erected near Mr. Greanleaffs Land — & Report whether it does not incommode Passengers —

Mr. Benjamin Henderson appointed by the Assessors to Collect the Outstanding Taxes of the late Daniel Parker, & by the Town to Collect the outstanding Taxes of Alexander Thomas, upon whom Executions have been levied — proposes Capt. Job Prince Merch^t. & Capt. John Ballard as his Bondsmen —

Mr. Browne, received as entered the 1st. of Feby. last four Dollars, bieng a part of Mrs. Brookers Donation — which he Reports has been distributed as follows — Vizt. —

To Mrs. Lucy Oulton - - - - - - - - - - - -	1	Dollar
The Widow Worth - - - - - - - - - - - -	1	do.
The Widow French - - - - - - - - - - - -	1	do.
The Widow Perkins - - - - - - - - - - - -	3/4	
Mr. Warden - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2/8	

The Selectmen agreed to let to hire the Hay Engine Wednesday next, and notice given the Inhabitants thereof by an Advertizement sent for insertion in Mr. Griffiths Paper, to Morrow —

Mr. Andrews & Mr. Grant a Commee. to attend at the taking down the end of Mr. Beals House that the Land given by Mr. Barrel to the Town may be laid into the Street —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 24. 1786 —

Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Price, Walley, Andrews, Grant, Browne, Tyler,

Capt. Lovering of Engine 8 applies for the Premium at the Fire at Mr. Bricks Distill house S°. End he bieng the first that play'd upon the Fire with his Engine, which allowed — & drawn for

[**250.**] Passed upon Accounts —

ORDERED, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/6 p Bushel, and that 12d. p Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for thier Charges pains & livelihood, which is computed as follows Vizt. —

a 4d. Loaf of white Brick Bread must weigh	1	:6	:11
a 4d. ditto ¾ white ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	3	:–	: –
a 4d. ditto not above ½ Indian Meal must weigh	4	:–	: –
Biskets of 3 Coppers price do.	–	: 12	: 6

Complaint entred by Mr. Whalley for himself & others that Christopher Marshall has not repair'd his drain lately open'd as it should be

Mr. Andrews & Mr. Cunningham, Committee to view said Drain & Give the necessary directions —

Mr. Collectors Henderson, proposed Bondsmen see April 19. approved of by the Selectmen —

Mr. Whalley, Mr. Price, & Mr. Brown a Committee to desire & Report some plan for the printing business of the Town to be done in a more frugal way —

Capt. Joab Hunt of Engine No. 2 applies for the Premium for bringing their Engine to work first at the Fire which lately broke out at a House the Head of Cross Street — (allowed) drawn for —

Next Wednesday upon a Motion of Mr. Brown, assigned for the consideration of turning the new Building on the Dock into a Market —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 26. 1786 — Present Mess: John Scollay, Dorr, Andrews, Whalley, Browne, Cunningham —

Upon opening the proposals for the hire of the Hay Engine at 4, O,Clock, it appeared that Capt. Samuel Ballard was the highest bidder — and the Selectmen apprehending him to be a Person suitably qualified, they have agreed [251.] to Rent said Engine to him at the Sum he offers. Vizt. —

One hundred & fifty pounds one Shillings p Annum provided he gives Bonds or sufficient security for payment of said Rent —

Capt. Ridgway of Engine No. 6. proposes Thomas Green, Samuel Weeks & Hugh Cargill as suitable Persons for his Engine Company — and they were approved of by the Selectmen —

Mr. Browne, Mr. Whalley & Mr. Dorr a Committee to treat with the Fishermen & other Market People for the hire of the Building at the end of the Market, and Report their doings to the Board.

Mr. Scollay & Mr. Whalley, & Colo. Daws, a Commte. to view the Land near the Rope Walks, as delineated in a Plan presented the Selectmen, by said Colo. Daws & Report to the Board thereon —

Obediah Thayer appointed a Measurer of Wood coming in to this Town by Land & Water — sent

Mr. Green applies for the hire of a Store now occupied by Mr. Prentice, when he shall leave it —

Capt. Edward Welds appointed a Measurer of Wood coming into Town by Land & Water — agreeable to his application 5t. April Inst.

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen April 28. 1786 —

Present Messrs. Dorr, Tyler, Whalley, Browne, Scollay, Andrews,

A Committee of the whole Board for viewing the lower part of Prince Street leading to the Bridge over Charles River, having attended that service Report — That the Pavement of the lower part of said Street be repaired in such manner as to make a regular descent from the upper part of the Pavement as it now lays, nearly opposite to Mr. John Cloughs Shop to the entrance on said Bridge

[252.] and that Mr. Dorr, Mr. Tyler, & Mr. Grant be a Committee to carry the same into effect, upon such terms as the Board may approve, and that as the expence attending the laying out & making a proper Street from Charles River Bridge to Winnesemit Ferry will be attended with a very great expence that the sense of the Town upon that matter be taken at the next Town Meeting —

Mr. Dorr & Mr. Tyler a Committee to order the necessary repairs to North Grammar School — also to the North Writing School, Mr. Tileston Master —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 3d. 1786.

Present Messrs Scollay, Dorr, Cunningham, Andrews, Whalley, Grant, Tyler.

The Committee to Agree with the Pavers for paving work to be done at the bottom of Prince Street — Reported that they had agreed with Welds & others for said work to be done for 13d. p yard —

Mr. Cunningham appointed to give directions to Mr. Hayden, Hayward as to the support of the Bulls —

Mr. Cunningham appointed to direct necessary Repairs at the Hay Market —

Town Clerk to issue a Warrant for Town Meeting for the choice of Representatives &c. Tuesday next 10. o'clock A.M. —

Mr. Hall to have the printing of the Notifications —

Mr. Cunningham & Mr. Whalley a Committee to desire the Revd. Mr. White to open the Town Meeting with prayer —

Boston ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 10, 1786 —

Present Mess. Scollay, Dorr, Walley, Tyler, Andrews, Grant, Browne.—

William Taunt who has been licensed for several Years to keep Tavern at the Admiral Vernon, prays a recommendation for keeping one at the large House lately occupied by Potter & Gregory near the Admiral Vernon.

after all had Voted, that the matter subside.

[253.] Mr. Joshua Pico appointed an Inspector of Oyl, and look the Oath enjoined by Law which was administered to him by John Browne Esq—

Mr. Andrews & Mr. Grant a Commte appointed the 19th of April last to take down the Brick end of Mr. Beals House, to be laid into a Street — are desired to proceed in said Business agreable to a Vote of the Town lately passed —

Mr. Caleb Hayden appointed an Inspector of Oyl, in the Town of Boston, and took the Oath enjoined by Law, which was administred to him by John Browne Esq.

The Committee on Mr. Welchs request having Reported that his request should not be granted — the Report was accepted by the Board the Request was, that he might have liberty to erect Buildings over the Common Shore in Street leadg. to the Mills —

Mr. Scollay, Cunningham & Walley appointed a Committee to view the neck & Report what is necessary to be done thereon as to Repairs —

Mr. Browne a Committee to apply to Mr. Sullivan for advice with respect to some incroachments on the Street leading to Charles River Bridge —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 11. 1786.
Present Messrs. Scollay, Andrews, Browne, Tyler, Grant.
Certificate given relative to Oil brought into this Port by the Brigantine Peacock & the Schooner Sculpion, as by Copies of Proceedings on file —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 13. 1786 —
Present Messrs Scollay, Price, Dorr, Andrews, Browne, Tyler, Walley,
The Board consents to pay eight Dollars in behalf of the Town unto Mr. Thomas Greene, on condition he puts the *Pump* opposite his Shop in good Repair. to the satisfaction of the Selectmen —
[254.] Mr. Dorr, Mr. Tyler, & Grant, a Committee from the Board to confer & treat with the Abutters on Lyn Street, & Report as soon as may be & that Committee cause the Street to be laid out agreeable to a Vote of the Town passed the 22d. March 1786 —
Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting May 17. 1786 — 4. O Clock. Afternoon —
No Notification to be printed —
Town Clerk order'd to publish an Advertizement relative to work to be done at the Neck &c. —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 17, 1786 —
Present Mess Scollay, Browne, Tyler, Walley, Andrews, —
Capt. Lovering of Engine No. 8--applys for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing his Engine to work first on the Fires which lately broke out at Mr. Wheelers House So. End — which was granted by the Selectmen — drawn in June draft

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 18. 1786 —
Present Messrs. Scollay, Browne, Tyler, Walley, Andrews,
Elisha Davis appointed an Inspector of Barrel'd pickled Fish, Pork & Beef in this Town, and took the Oath of Office which was administred to him by John Browne Esq —
The Town Clerk directed to give Mr. Henderson a Certificate that he has given Bond to the satisfaction of the Selectmen for collecting the Outstanding debts of Mr. Daniel Parker for 1784 & 1785 also all Mr. Thomass. Outstanding Taxes —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 18. 1786. P.M.
Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Tyler, Walley, Browne, Grant, Price, Andrews,
Mr. Browne & Mr. Dorr, a Committee to wait on Colo. Jackson & treat with him relative to the four Lots of Land on Cops Hill agreeable to a Vote of the Town —
The Commee. Reported, that they had [255.] waited on Colo. Jackson, who informed them that a Son of Mr. Allen the Original

Mortgager, applied to him this Morning & tender'd him the Money for the Original sum with the amount of the Interest to this Day, & that after some hesitation he with reluctance received the Money thinking be was obliged so to do; for which he gave a Receit on the Mortgage, but made no Assignment of the same —

Mr. Ebenezer Graves approved of to keep a Tavern in Royal Exchange Lane lately improved by Oliver Vose —

William Taunt approved of to keep a Tavern in a House lately improved by Grigory & Potter, in King Street opposite the Admiral Vernon —

Mr. Brown, Mr. Walley & Mr. Cunningham a Commee. to see Mr. Hews & require his removing the Nusances, which injure the sick riding out of Town from their effluvias —

Mr. Dorr Mr. Tyler & Grant a Commee. to apply to Judge Sullivan for drawing up a proper Instrument for securing the Lands that may given in by the Abuttors on Ferry Street — also to carry into execution the Vote of the Town for building a Sea Wall &c. passed on the Yesterday —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 19. 1786 —

Present Mess: Scollay, Dorr, Price, Browne, Tyler, Walley, Grant, Andrews

Mr. Browne appointed a Committee the 10t. Inst. to take Opinion of Judge Sullivan relative to *encroachments* on the Streets by several Cellar Doors & Steps bieng built too far out, excused — by Mess: Dorr, Tyler & Grant appointed a Committee for that purpose in his room —

Voted, that each Inspector of the Police have an Order on Mr. Freeman the Printer for 400 of the new Code of By Laws to be [**256.**]by them distributed to such of the Inhabitants as may appear to them proper to be served with them, they taking the Names of every Person served with one of them in their respective Wards — the remaining two hundred Books to be lodged in the Selectmens Chamber, to serve such Persons with as may be over looked or omitted in the above Distribution —

The Town Clerk is directed to give the Inspectors an Order for said By Laws —

Capt. Job Wheelwright a sworn Inspector Certified on Oath that 23 Tons white Spermacite Oil & 26 bbs. & 20½ Galls. Yellow Spermacite Oil were brought into this Port in the Brigt. Success Hillyard Mayew of Dartmouth Master, for which the proper Certificates were given to Sam: Brick & John Lilley Owners to enable them to receive the Bounty.

Mr. Henry Newman appeared & left an Instrument signed by him expressive of an Obligation to build 160 feet of the proposed Stone Wall for the purpose of widening Ferry Street & fully to compleat the Street to the extent of 16 a feet at his own proper cost & expence — provided he can be secured in his purchase of the four lots originally the late Mr. Allens of Cape Ann —

And that Mr. Scollay & Mr. Price be a committee to wait upon Edward Payne Esq. & Deacon Smith to procure a releasement of

any Claim they may have against said Lots of Land on Cops Hill, so called —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 20. 1786 —
Present Messrs. Scollay, Tyler, Browne, Andrews, Grant —
Capt. Job Wheelwright a sworn Inspection Certified under oath that 4 Tons & 28 Gall^{s}. of white Spermacite Oil were brought into this Port in the Brig^{t}. Constant John Withrell of Well Fleet Master, for which proper Certificates were given to Israel Sergant Sam: Perkins & Hubbard & Green Sole Owners to enable them to receive the Bounty —

[257.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 24. 1786 —
Present Mess. Scollay, Dorr, Tyler, Browne, Andrews,
M^{r}. Scollay, having received of M^{r}. Thomas Cartwright being for Interest on Moneys lent him, which is part of M^{rs}. Brookers Donation; the Sum of three pounds & 2/ —

M^{r}. Scollay retained - - - - - - - -	£1 — 4 —	
M^{r}. Andrews had - - - - - - - - - -	1 — 4 —	
M^{r}. Dorr had	1 — 4 —	see July 12^{t}.
	———£3.. 12 —	

to be distributed to suitable Objects —
M^{r}. Bowen & M^{r}. Morse being present, it is agreed by them, that Morse is to be accountable to the Selectmen for the House & Shop which has been improved by M^{r}. Bowen belong^{g}. to the Town, since April 15 — the time the Shop was resigned? to Morse by consent of the Selectmen — the said Morse to pay from the 15 of April last at the rate of £50 — P Annum —
An order was given Capt. Enoch James to receive a Pipe now in possession of Capt. Samuel Sloan, which belongs to the Hancock Engine —
The Comm^{e}. appointed the 26 April last relative to the New Building at the end of the Market — Report. That the Fishermen are ready to take said Building for a Fish— on such terms & such restrictions as shall be Agreed upon — whereupon It was determined by the Selectmen that the Eastern part of the Building shall be improved as a Fish Market —
The said Committee appointed to Agree with the Fishermen for said Building & to Order such Repairs or alterations as they may Judge necessary —
The Selectmen agree to meet at 10 O'Clock to Morrow Morning for the express purpose of receiving their Bonds, & granting Licenses to the Auchtioneers — & those who do not attend may not expect their Licenses the present Year —

[258.] M^{r}. Walley appointed to examine the Almhouse Accounts —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 25, 1786 —
Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Browne, Tyler,
Auchtioneers attended relative to Auchtioneers Bonds &c.

Boston Ss : At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 26, 1786 —
Present Messrs Dorr, Brown, Andrews, Grant, Scollay.
The Officers of the Police attended, in order for a conference with the Board —

Boston Ss : At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 29. 1786 —
Present Messrs. Dorr, Scollay, Andrews, Walley, Tyler, Cunningham, Browne, Grant.
Passed upon Accounts —
Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 5/6 p Bushel and that twelve Pence p Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows. Viz^t. —

	lbs.	oz.	dr.
a 4^d. Loaf of white Bread must weigh	1	10	8
a 4^d. Ditto ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	3	–	–
a 4^d. Ditto not above half Indian Meal must weigh	4	–	
Biskets of three Coppers. must weigh —	–	14	4

M^r. Scollay, & M^r. Andrews a Committee, to write the several Towns who are indebted to this Town for the support of their Poor & to request payment thereof —

M^r. James sent in his proposals for building half the Sea Wall — in the Book —
The Comm: M^r. Dorr & others, to apply to Judge Sullivan for his opinion relative to Cellar Doors — Report on file —
M^r. Dorr & M^r. Grant a Comm^e. to examine M^r. Coopers Account —
The Selectmen have agreed to meet next Fryday ? 4. oClock. P. M.

BOSTON April 5. 1786

[259.] The Selectmen agreably to a By law of this Town, empowering them to license & appoint a proper number of Funeral Porters, and to Assign their wages or allowance, do hereby License and appoint the following Persons to attend at Funerals in this Town and carry the Bodies of the Dead to the Grave —
Viz^t. Mess^s. John Cade, Joseph Edmunds, Robert Newman, Elijah Adams, John Jones, William McFadden, Samuel Duncalf, Matthew Jones, Jesse Houghton Ede Venuvere Ebenezer Herring — And that the prices for opening Tombs, & digging of Graves be as follows — Viz^t. —

For Digging a Grave or opening a Tomb	£—5.–
For a large Pall for an Adult 4/6 a Small d^o. for a Child 2/3^d	
For carrying a Corpse 3/ for each Porter	
For each tolling the Bell 8^d.	
For the Undertakers in waiting upon the Pall Holders warning attendance borrowing Chairs &^c ———	8–
For extraordinary Cases such as putting Bodies into a Tarr'd Sheets &^c.	6–

The above computed as follows — Viz^t. —

Graves or Tomb	£ — 5–
say large Pall supposing an Adult	" 4 –6

for carrying a Corpse 6 Porters at 3/	"–18–
Tolling two Bells twice each	"–2 –8
Warning attendance &c	" 8 —
	£1"18..2

In case of a necessity to put the Body into a Tar'd Sheet, the additional charge of 6/ will take place —

The Selectmen expect of the Funeral Porters a strict conformity to all the By-Laws, & other Laws respecting Funerals ringing of Bells &c and a sober decent behavior as the condition of their being continued in Office—

The Selectmen having agreable to the power vested with them, appointed John Cade to the especial care of the North Burial Ground William McFadden for the South Burial Ground —Jesse Houghton for the [**260.**]old Burying Ground near the Chapel, Matthew James for the Common Burial Grounds — they expect that the said persons see the Corpse conveyed to the Grave and covered up — they direct that the Gates of the Burial Places be kept constantly locked excepting at such times as they are opened to receive the Corpse & that the Passage to the Burial Places and to the Graves be kept clear of Snow and other obstructions; and that in digging the Graves they so perform it as that the top of the Coffins be three feet under Ground at the least — they are to take care that no Bones or part of Skelletons are suffered to remain on the surface or Tombs & Graves left open to injure the health or the feelings of the Inhabitants, or to offend the Eye of a Stranger who may incline to take a view of our Burial Places — sent —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 31. 1786 —

Present Messrs. Scollay, Browne,

Information given the Selectmen that the Briggantine? from the West Indies had a Lad on board with the Small Pox —

The Captain was directed to land such Articles as were liable to receive Infection on Rainsford Island & Capt. Laha Keeper of the Hospital was ordered to receive into the Hospital the Person with the Small Pox & to air & cleanse what may be landed & to Report as soon as may be to the Selectmen —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 2, 1786 —

Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Price, Andrews, Cunningham, Browne, Walley, Grant, Tyler —

Passed upon other Accounts than those passed at Draught Day —

Samuel Clough informs that John Whitehead with his Family from Hingham has been admitted into an House of his in Prince Street near Charlestown Ferry — said Whitehead is a Millwright

[**261.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 6, 1786 —

Present Messrs. Browne, Tyler, Dorr, Andrews, Grant —

Capt. Caleb Hayden a sworn Inspector for the Port of Boston Certified on Oath that 22 Tons 251 Gallons of white 202 Gallons of Yellow and 86 Gallons of Brown — Spermacite Oil were brought into this Port in the Schooner Nancy Richard Rich of Truro Master, for which the proper Certificates were given to Dav^{d}. Stoddard Grenough Esq. sole Owner to enable him to receive the Bounty, allowed by a Resolve of this Commonwealth —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 7. 1786 —

Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Andrews, Browne, Cunningham, Walley, Tyler,

M^{r}. Jonathan Wheeler, Lime burner applies to the Selectmen for an Inspection of his Lime Kiln, agreable to a late By Law M^{r}. Cunningham & M^{r}. Walley a Committee for the purpose aforesaid —

M^{r}. Andrews & M^{r}. Scollay a Committee to view Milk Street & Report what they apprehend may be done —

M^{r}. John Furnass approved of as a Retailer of Spirituous Liquors at his Shop in Long Lane —

The Inspectors of the Police are desired to Report to the Board at the next meeting the names of such Persons as refuse to comply with the injunctions & orders of the new Code of By Laws —

Passed upon Capt. Samuel Patridges Keeper of the Almshouse. State Accounts amounting to £1917. 0– 3½^{d} & £100 – 4 – 3 – as P Copies on file —

[**262.**] Capt. Laha Keeper of the State Hospital at Rainsford Island, having Reported that the Boy who had the Small Pox in the Brig^{ne}. Dolphin & Capt. Litchfield Luce was taken into his Hospital, is now recovered & has been cleansed & aird, together with his Clothing — he was directed to smoke and cleanse the Boy & things again, and if he came up with the Boat next Wednesday, he might then permit him to come up with him —

Thomas Foster appointed an Inspector of Barreld pickled Fish Pork & Beef, & the Oath of Office was administred to him by M^{r}. Justice Price —

William Wittington applys for liberty to open a Drain from his House into the Common Shore, Liberty granted on condition that the Pavement be replaced & the Ground made good to the satisfaction of M^{r}. Andrews and M^{r}. Scollay a Committee for that purpose —

The Town Clerk is to have a draught for fifty Pounds in the May Draught in part of services for the Year 1783 —

M^{r}. Cunningham a Committee to examine or to order an examination with respect to a Chimney in a House at the S^{o}. part of the Town occupied by one Symmonds —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 9th. 1786 —

Present Messrs Scollay, Price, Andrews, Browne, Walley, Tyler, Cunningham, Grant —

Capt. Newell informs he has let a Tenement to Fransnecey? Port a Barber who came from Martineco — also Prince Brown Labourer a Negro from Newbury Port —

Capt. Lobdell approved to keep a Tavern at the Admiral Vernon Tavern so called near Butlers Row —

The Committee to view M^{r}. Wheelers Limekiln Report, that he have liberty to fire his Lime Kiln, and that he is hereby permitted & Licensed by the Selectmen, to make use of the said place near Wheelers Point, for erecting his Lime Kiln — agreable to a late By Law — which Report was accepted —

see the 2^{d}. Page after this

M^{r}. Scollay, Andrews & Walley a Committee to order such Repairs to Milk Street as they may Judge proper —

It is agreed that the Pavement from the Blue [**263.**] Ball & into Back Street & from thence to the lower part of Prince Street shall be repaved — M^{r}. Dorr, Tyler, & Grant a Committee to order the same under their inspection — also part of Middle-street towards M^{r}. Goldthwaits —

M^{r}. Walley a Committee to order some small Repairs to the Pavements in Long Lane —

M^{r}. Scollay appointed to get some holes mended in y^{e}. Cold Lane & Tremont Street —

The Committee appointed to order the taking down of that part of a House Deded to the Town by Joseph Barrel Esq. situated in Coopers Alley, having applied to Honble John Sullivan Esq. for his Opinion respecting their procedure the same was given them in writing, and is as follows Viz^{t}.

Agreable to your request with which I have been favoured, I have attended to the Deeds given by M^{r}. Barrel to the Town, and notwithstanding the Question proposed to be "whether the Selectmen have a right to pull down that part of the House which is within the conveyance of M^{r}. Barrel and whether the Materials, when the said part of the House is prostrated, are the property of the Town or not"

I have to answer that M^{r}. Barrels Deed sells & Releases to the Town that part of the Lot which is cut off by a Line drawn from the Corner of T. Greens House to William Greenleaffs back store; being 12 feet & 6 Inches in front of the House with the Appurtenances, the Habendum of the Deed is to hold the same forever "in Fee Simple to the use of the said Joseph for one Year and then to the use of the Town for ever, on Condition that the same should after one Year be appropriated to the use of a public Street —

The Condition appears to me to be a subsequent Condition and that the Fee was actually vested in the Town, but the Estate may be diverted if the Condition is not fulfilled, and that the Buildings and the Land passed by the Deed and consequently that when the Buildings are pulled down as they lawfully may be, the Materials will belong to the Town —

[**264.**] I advise however to the laying out the Street before the Buildings are prostrated — if I have not understood the Question, I shall be ready to answer any other that may be proposed —

The said Committee in consequence of the aforegoing opinion are to proceed in laying out the Street for which purpose they are

to apply to Master Leach for his assistance as a Surveyor, and to call upon Mr. Sullivan for any further explination or advice which may be wanted —

The following was Given Mr. Jonathan Wheeler attested by the Town Clerk —

Agreable to the Report of a Committee appointed to view Mr. Jonathan Wheelers Lime Kiln near Wheelers Point, and by vertue of the power vested in the Selectmen by a late By Law the said Wheeler is permitted to fire his Lime Kiln now ready for that purpose, and he is now Licensed by said Selectmen to make use of the said Place for Erecting & fireing his Brick Kilns, in future —

Mr. Dorr Mr. Tyler & Mr. Grant a Committee to agree with Mr. Bates for Stones, & with Mr. Sprague for building the Sea Wall on Ferry Street —

The above Committee are impowered to purchase the Timber & agree with Workmen for building the Woodworks of said Sea Wall —

Capt. Matthew Parke prays the Selectmen that he may be appointed to weigh bunch Onions agreable to a late By Law —

see next Page —

Boston Ss : At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 14. 1786

Present Messs. Scollay, Dorr, Price, Browne, Andrews, Grant,

John Craigue & Charles King appointed Chimney Sweepers for this Town — to have 14½d. for lower Rooms & one Shilling for Chamber Chimney —

see 21. of June —

Capt. Bentley of Engine No. 1 applies for the Premium allowed by the Town for playing first with their Engine at the [**265.**] Fire which lately broke out at Mr. James Blacksmith Shop near Tuders Wharff —

Voted, that he have a draught for the same next Draft Day —

The Selectmen gave a Certificate that Mrs. Mary Hutchins Sister of William Harris a late Lieut. in Colo. Cranes Regiment, who has deceased is the proper Person in their opinion to receive any Monies due to him for services while in the Continental Army —

Mr. Dorr, added to the Committee. relative to Mr. Lamberts Rent of a Wharff he improves at the North End — Mr. Tyler & Capt. Mackay were formerly appointed —

Capt. Matthew Parke appointed to weigh bunches of Onions agreable to a late By Law —

The Inspectors of the police are directed, that for the present, they cause any filth or piles of dirt & Rubbish in the Streets or Lanes to be immediately removed, provided they can get it done for 8/4d. P Load —

The Overseer of the Lamps is requested to cause all the Lamps to be taken in & properly secured in such places as he may judge best —

The Clerk of the Market is directed to warn all Sellers of Small Wares in a pedling way, to leave the Market and to give notice to all Butchers in the Market, that such Meat as shall here after

be brought into the Market Blown, will be seized & disposed of as the Law directs —

The Selectmen have agreed to meet on Satturday next 11. O'Clock in order to countenance the Clerk of the Market in removing the Bakers Barrows out of the Market which by the behavior of the Bakers Boys, have become very troublesome —

Mr. Andrews & Mr. Grant to view the enroachment on the Street near Mrs. Ivers's —

[**266.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 16. 1786

Present Messrs. Walley, Tyler, Browne, Dorr, Scollay, Price, Grant,

The Selectmen upon application of the Bakers having made enquiry respecting the present price of Flower cannot see reason to make any alteration in the rate last affixed —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen & two Justices, Quoram unus vizt. Ezekiel Price and John Browne Esq —

Upon application made by Samuel Wallace, an inspection was taken of his Chocolate Mills & Machines for roasting Cocoa & making of Chocolate being situated a little below the Swing Bridge on Town Dock — and as in the Opinion of said Justices & Selectmen said Works are so secured as not to endanger the lives & property of the Inhabitants near them — they do hereby Licence said Chocolate Mills for the purpose aforesaid — sent —

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen June 19. 1786 —

Present Mess: Scollay, Andrews, Dorr, Walley, Browne,—

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 21 — 1786

Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Tyler, Cunningham, Price, Browne, Andrews Walley, Grant —

The Selectmen have agreed to visit Deer Island on Fryday the 21t. of July next —

Mr. Edward Rumney applys to the Selectmen for an Inspection of his Chocolate Mills situated in Ball Alley as the Law directs —

The Selectmen direct that the Inspectors of the Police be informed, that the Selectmen are of opinion, they should give Information to a Magistrate of any Breaches of the Laws, without looking upon themselves as obliged to give previous Information to the Selectmen —

[**267.**] The Selectmen have agreed to attend the Visitation of the Schools on Wednesday the 5. Day of July next —

The Selectmen appoint Messrs. Edward Welds John Ballard, Christopher Clarke & William Billings for seizing & securing all Baskets improved for measuring Coal, that are not of the dimensions or not sealed as the Law directs & to prosecute such Person or Persons as shall be guilty of the breach of the sd. Law relative to measuring Coal &c. —

Mr. Brown & Mr. Andrews a Commee. to provide a suitable place for the delivery of the Oration of the 4th. of July next and

to take order for the suitable Celebration of that Anniversary & acquaint his Excell^{y}. the Governor and General Court therewith —

Thomas Cabot appointed an Inspector of Barrel'd pickled Fish Pork & Beef, in this Town — and the Oath was administred to him by M^{r}. Justice Browne — M^{r}. Cunningham appointed to repair the Granary —

Jonas Barker appointed one of the Chimney Sweepers of this Town on the condition enjoined, Mess. Craigue & King who were appointed the 14th of this month —

M^{r}. Matthew Simpson, upon his application, is permitted by the Selectmen to keep a School in this Town for the Instruction of Youth of both Sexes in Writing Arithmetic & Mathmatticks —

Cirtificates of the appointment of Auchtioners were given to all the Persons appointed, save Col^{o}. Proctor — see their appointment the 17th. of April last — Cirtificates dated the 17th of April last —

[**268.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 23^{d}. 1786 —

Present Messrs. Andrews —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 24th. 1786 —

Present Messrs. Scollay, Tyler, Dorr, Andrews, Grant, Price, —

Capt. Job Wheelright a sworn Inspector for the Port of Boston Certified on Oath that eight Tons three Barrels and twelve and a half Gallons of Whale Oil were brought into this Port in the Brigantine Nancy John Rich of Hardwick in the County of Worcester Master for which the proper Certificates were given to Jacob Williams the Owner to enable him to receive the Bounty allowed by a Resolve of this Commonwealth —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 26, 1786 —

Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Price, Andrews, Tyler, Cunningham, Browne, Grant, Walley.

Passed upon Accounts — passed the 28

ORDERED, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/ p Bushel and that twelve Pence p Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which, is computed as as follows — Viz^{t}. —

	lbs.	oz.	dr
a 4^{d}. Loaf of White Brick Bread must weigh	1 "	8 "	8
a 4^{d}. ditto $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye Meal must weigh	3 "	— "	—
a 4 ^{d}. ditto not above half Indian Meal must weigh	4 "	— "	—
Biskets of three Coppers price	— "	13 "	4

M^{r}. Scollay having receeived of the Town Treasurer M^{r}. Peter Boyer for one Years Interest on his Note of hand for £369. bieng part of M^{rs}. Brookers Donation —

Of which M^{r}. Dorr received.	£2 . . 8 —	see July	12
M^{r}. Price	2 . . 8 —		
M^{r}. Browne	2 . . 8 —	see Nov^{r}.	22^{d}
Capt. Tyler	2 . . 8 —	see July	12

Mr. Andrews	2 . . 8 — see Novr.	22d
Mr. Grant	2 . . 8 — see July	12
[269.] Mr. Walley.	2 . . 8 — see Novr.	22d
Mr. Cunningham	2 . . 8 see Novr. 15 coming	
Mr. Scollay retains	2 . . 18 " 9	
	£22. 2 9d —	

Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for Town Meeting July 4t. next — the Day on which Independence was declared but no printed Notifications are to be dispersed —

Upon the Petition of a number of the respectable Inhabitants that Mr. Thomas Pool may be permitted to perform his Feats of Horsemanship in the Town, among other reasons, on account of his services & Sufferings in the public service — The Town Clerk is directed to acquaint Mr. Pool, that the Selectmen have no objection to his performing said Feats provided the same be done in a proper Inclosure —

Mr. Nazro is directed to open the Hall for the Tryal of any Person or Persons charged with the breach of any By Law — upon the Application of the Inspectors of the Police, or the desire of any Magistrate —

Boston Ss : At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 28. 1786 —

Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Andrews, Browne, Price, Tyler, Grant, Walley,

Jurors drawn, and their Names posted in Jury Books —

Passed upon Accounts not passed upon last Monday —

All the Auchtioneers Bonds sent to the Treasurer of this Commonwealth by Mr. Nazro —

John Andrews appointed to procure flaps for covering the *Necessary* at Master Carters School, to allay in some measure the disagreable effluvia arising therefrom —

Mr. Walley & Mr. Andrews a Commee. to procure a passage for one Bridget Neagles & her Child to Ireland on the States charge she bieng now at the Almshouse —

[270.] The Chairman & Mr. Andrews a Committee to order necessary Repairs to the House near Deacon Smiths and to consider what will be a proper Rent —

The Selectmen have agreed to view the encroachments on Olivers Dock immediately after Dinner on Visitation Day —

Mr. Browne & Mr. Walley a Committee to make such Repairs to the Pavement in Summer Street as they shall Judge proper —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 29. 1786 —

Present Messrs Scollay, Dorr, Browne, Tyler, Andrews,

Agreed with Mr. Wort for a Dinner on Visitation Day and for the price of Liquors &c. as by particulars in a Memo. delivered Mr. Wort —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 3d. 1786 —

Present Messrs. Scollay, Price, Tyler Andrews, Grant, Browne —

Cap. Laha having Reported to us that the Schooner Eagle owned in Salem Capt. Nathl. Knight from Hyspaniola, loaded with Molasses has had the Small Pox on board since he left the West Indies, he was directed to receive the Persons into the Hospital who are liable to receive the Small Pox & every thing on the Island liable to retain Infection, and to smoke & cleanse her & then Report to us when the Vesel may leave the Island with safety — 1 Man has had the Distemper & no more are liable —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 4, 1786 —
Present Messrs Scollay, Dorr, Andrews, Tyler, Cunningham —
Capt. Laha having Reported to us, that he had taken everything on Shore from the Schooner Eagle liable to retain Infection, & smoked & cleansed her so as that in his Opinion she might leave the Island with safety — he was directed to give the Schooner another good smoking & cleansing after which he might permit the Vessel to come up, first securing his own charges.

[**271.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 5. 1786 —
Present Messrs Scollay, Dorr, Price, Andrews, Tyler, Browne, Cunningham, Walley, Grant.
The Selectmen accompanied by a number of Gentlemen visited the public Schools, and found them in proper order —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Freeholders July 8. 1786 —
Present Messrs: Scollay, Dorr, Browne, Cunningham, Walley, Andrews, Grant.
Committee of Selectmen waited upon M^r. Jon^a. L. Austin & requested a Copy of his late *Oration* for the Press — his answer is on File—
M^r. Justice Greanleaff is requested to issue a Warr^t. for the removal of Lucy Hayden to Waltham where she properly belongs —
It is the Opinion of the Selectmen that the Inspectors of the Police discontinue the use of an Office and take down the Sign Board affixed thereto — that they conceive it contrary to the Spirit of their Office to Assemble at any Place to receive information, as it appears to be *more* their Duty to patrole the Street and make their own Observations of all breaches of the By Laws — And that whatever Offences they may observe it is expected they make complaints thereof as soon as may be to some Magistrate, to take cognizance of the same, without previously consulting any other Inspector, and to make return of their several doings to the Selectmen once a Month or oftener if required —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 12. 1786 —
Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Grant, Tyler, Scollay, Andrews, Walley.
Capt. Tyler received of Brookers Donation see June 26 £2. 8 —
Gave to Widow Sarah Breck £1 — 4 —
to Widow Way — 6 —

to Widow Tyler	— 12 —	
to Widow Goodwin	— 6 —	
		£2.. 8 —

[272.] Mr. Dorr Distributed as follows ——— £3.. 12 —

To the Widow Catherine Way - - - - -	£ — 18 —	
Widow Elizabeth Stevens	6	
see May 24t.	£1 — 4	
Widow Catharine Way	— .. 12	
Widow Abigail Tyler	— .. 18	
Ruth Foot a poor sick Woman	— .. 9	
Widow Elizabeth Stevens	— .. 9	
see June 26 ——	———	
		£3 — 12 —

being in full of what he received of Mr. Scollay, the 24. of May & 26 of June last, being part of Brookers Donation —

Mr. Scollay authorized by the Selectmen to purchase of Capt. Loyd about 20. or 30 Lamps, if the Lamps should suit him —

Mr. Benjamin Green to have the upper part of the Towns Store near the Blue Ball for one Year, at the Rent of £33 — P Year to be paid quarterly, Rent to commence the 14 of July Inst. sent Treasurer.

Mr. Billings one of the Inspectors, has liberty to put a Pump down the wells in the Common, which he has discovered, provided the charge of the same is defreyed by Subscriptions —

Mr. Scollay & Mr. Walley to settle with Capt. Farrington the Rent he is to pay in future for the Land he has improved on the West side of Orange Street, belonging to the Town new Rent to commence from the expiration of his Lease —

Mr. Brown Dorr & Walley to wait on Mrs. Perkins and agree with her as to carrying the waste Water from her Pump near the Blue Ball, under ground through ye. Drain on Common Shore —

Mr. Grant having received of Brookers Donation - - £2. 8 —

The same was distributed as follows Vizt. —

To the Widow Goodwing - - - - - - - -	£ — 12 —	
the Widow Jeffers - - - - - - - - - - - -	12 —	
the Widow Stevens - - - - - - - - - - - -	12 —	
the Widow Wakefield - - - - - - - - - -	12 —	
	———	£2. 8 —

BOOK SEVENTEENTH.

[1.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 12, 1786. Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Andrews, Tyler, Grant & Walley

Mr. George Hamlin Hayward is impowered by the Selectmen to collect of such Persons as have Cows going at large on the Common, One Dollar for each Cow and he is required to return a List of the number of Cows and the Names of the Owners he receives the Money of as well as the Names of the Persons who own Cows who may refuse paying the said Dollar ordered by a By Law to be paid for each Cow to defray the Expence of purchasing and keeping four Bulls to go at large on the Common —

Mr. Hamlin is also authorized and impowered to take care that no damage is done the Trees on the Common — for his trouble he is to have a reasonable compensation —

sent

Mr. Grant and Mr. Andrews a Committee to have the end of Beals House taken down to widen the Street or passage way leading to Brattle Square. by direction of the Board have conditioned with Joseph Barrel Esq. for in consideration of his permitting about seven feet of a Store projecting into the Passage Way to be cut off flush with the front of Beals' House,— the Selectmen engage in behalf of the Town that He or whoever else shall rebuild the Store formerly called the Stone Shop may be permitted to carry it in a strait Line from the old say North East Corner of said Store to the North East Corner of Mr. Rowes House now improved by Mr. Hicks bounded on said Passage Way — sent.

The Inspectors of the Police are required to carry the laws into Execution relative to Oyster Shells.

They are also desired to take care that the [2.] Inhabitants provide themselves with poles & Swab, agreeable to the By Laws —

An Advertisement relative to the above sent to Messrs. Adams & Nurse

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 14, 1786.

Present Messrs. Walley, Scollay, Dorr, Andrews, Cunningham, Grant.

A List made out for the Gentlemen who are to be invited to accompany the Selectmen on a visit to Deer Island,— and the Town Clerk is directed to send Billets of Invitation

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 18, 1786. Present Messrs: Scollay, Tyler, Grant, Andrews, Browne.

Capt. Caleb Hayden a sworn Inspector of Oil for the Port of Boston Certified on Oath that $\frac{\text{Tons. bbls}}{29 — 6}$ · $\frac{\text{Gal}}{13\ 1\text{-}2}$. of Whale Oil — $\frac{\text{Tons. Gals.}}{19 — 15\ 1\text{-}2}$ of white Oil were brought into the Port in the Brigantine Fortune John Kenderich Master of Wareham in y^{e} County of Plymouth for which the proper Certificates were given to M^{r}. Shattuck & M^{r}. Cobb, the sole Owners, to enable them to receive the Bounty, allowed by a Resolve of this Commonwealth —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 21, 1786.
Present Messrs. Scollay, Price, Dorr, Walley, Grant, Cunningham, Andrews, Brown & Tyler
The Selectmen accompanied by a number of Gentlemen took a view of Deer Island —

Boston Ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 24, 1786. Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Tyler, Browne, Andrews Walley —
Mr John R. Sigourney enters a complaint against [**3.**] a large black Dog kept by M^{r}. Booth Constable, for seizing & biting him —

Boston Ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 26, 1786
Present Messrs. Scollay, Andrews, Tyler, Dorr, Price, Cunningham, Browne,
M^{r}. Scollay having retained in his hand of M^{rs}. Brookers Donation. £ 4.–2–9. see May 24, & June 26 — the same was distributed as follows —

Viz^{t}. —

To M^{rs}. Delaplace	£ — 12 —
M^{rs}. Dyke	— 12 —
M^{rs}. Wheat	— 9 —
M^{rs}. Geyer	— 6 —
M^{rs}. Brightman	— 12 —
M^{rs}. Lowell	— 12 —
M^{rs}. Johnson	— 6 —
M^{rs}. Francis	13 — 9
	£ 4 — 2 — 9

M^{r}. Scollay has received in part Interest of Minots Bond, being part of Brookers Donation — Viz^{t}. £9 —
which was distributed as follows — Viz^{t}.

To M^{r}. Brown	— £ — 18 —	see Novr. 21.
M^{r}. Tyler	— 1 — 16 —	see Novr. 8.
M^{r}. Dorr	£ — 1 — 16	see Novr. 22.
M^{r}. Andrews	— 1 — 4	see Novr. 22.
M^{r}. Cunningham	— 1 — 16	see next Novr. 15.
M^{r}. Scollay retained	— 1 — 16	see Novr. 29.
	— — £9 —	

the same to be given to such Objects as are described in M^{rs}. Brookers Will each of the above Selectmen to return a particular Account of his Distribution —

Upon Mr. Cheney Master of Writing School in Middle Street, application for an Assistant, the Selectmen agreed to visit said School between this Day & next Wednesday —

Capt. James of Hancock Engine No. 10 applies for the Premium for playing first on the Fire at the Building on Town Dock — which was granted drawn for.

Capt. George Ridgway of Engine No. 6 — applies for do. at the Fire at Capt. Freemans House which was granted drawn for.

[4.] The following Persons were drawn Jurors for a Maritime Court on 9th. of August next Viz t. —

Paul Reveire Esq
Hopestill Capen
David Spear
John Page
Capt. Joseph Crocker
John Rogers
Joseph Kettle
Amasa Davis
Daniel Sergent
Thomas Newall Junr.
Andrew Johonnet
Capt. John Leach Junr.

Mr. Grant & Mr. Andrews a Committee to order the necessary Repairs to the top of Faneuil Hall — said Committee are authorized by the Board to purchase a suitable Bell to be hung in the Cupola.

Mr. Dorr, Tyler & Grant a Committee to order necessary Repairs to the Pavement in North Latin School Street —

The Selectmen have agreed to confer with the Officers of the Police on Fryday next 11 O'Clock A.M.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 27. 1786.

Present Messrs. Scollay Browne Andrews, Dorr, Walley, Price Cunningham.

Voted that Judge Sullivan agreable to his application to the Selectmen, may be permitted to improve the Tombs in the Common burial Ground said to be the late Governor Bellinghams, conditioned that he keep the same in repair & retain the Bodies now in the Tombs and deliver up the same, when a claim shall be made by any one of the legal Heirs of said Bellingham, they defraying the expenses of said Repairs —

[5.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 28. 1786.

Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Andrews, Tyler Cunningham, Walley, Browne Grant

A conference had with the Inspectors of the Police.

Mr. Booth the keeper of an unruly Dog is again directed to cause said Dog to be killed, or discharged, otherwise he will be prosecuted for the penalty incurred by the breach of Law —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 29th. 1786

Present Messrs: Dorr, Walley, Scollay, Browne, Tyler, Grant.
Applied to Governor Bowdoin for a Proclamation to be issued offering a pardon for the discovery of the Person or Persons, who set Fire to the Building on Dock Square, tho concerned

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 30 1786 —
Present Messrs. Scollay, Price, Walley, Brown, Andrews, Grant.
Information having been given the Selectmen that a Negro Man in a House at the head of Cross Street was suspected of having the Small Pox — D^{r}. Appleton was desired to take another Physician with him to said House & make examination as to the Negroes disorder —
D^{r}. Appleton Reported, that himself & D^{r}. Jarvis had made examination, and apprehended the eruption not to be Small Pox.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 31 1786
Present Messrs: Scollay, Dorr, Price, Browne, Andrews, Grant Cunningham, Walley,
Passed upon Accounts —
Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat 1/ p Bushel & that 12^{d}. p Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains & livelihood, which is computed as follows — Viz^{t}. — Mem^{o}. no Assize set by the Selectmen —

	lb	oz	d
a 4^{d}. Loaf of Brick Bread French made must weigh	"	"	"
a 4^{d}. d^{o}. $\frac{3}{4}$ white $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye Meal d^{o}.	"	"	"
a 4^{d}. d^{o}. not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian	"	"	"
Biskets of three Coppers price	"	"	"

[6.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt 2^{d} 1786.
Present Messrs. Dorr, Scollay, Price, Walley, Andrews, Browne, Cunningham:
The Committee to visit M^{r}. Cheneys School, Report that they visited the School without previous notice & found 110 Scholars present, and that he had given about ten more a leave of absence for the Day —
Voted, that he be allowed for an Assistant Thirty six pounds p Annum from the first of August Instant — And the Selectmen approve of his employing Edward Holden in that service.
The Selectmen have agreed to visit Rainsfords Island, on Tuesday the 22^{d}. of August Ins^{t}. —
Letters sent to the Selectmen of the Towns of Waltham, Worcester, Springfield & Marblehead, requesting payment of what they are indebted for the support of their Inhabitants in this Town during their sickness —
Thomas Bayley Collector, proposes James Bayley Gentleman — & William Bird Gentleman as his Bondsmen —
Passed upon some other Accounts —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 3^{d}. 1786.
Present Messrs: Andrews, Tyler, Browne, Walley, Grant,
Passed upon Accounts —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Aug 8. 1786.
Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Browne.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 9, 1786
Present Scollay, Dorr, Walley, Andrews, Tyler, Cunningham, Price, Grant, Browne

[7.] M^r. Collector Charles Williams proposes Benjamin Edes Printer, and Thomas Parker Gentleman, for his Bondsmen the present Year —

M^r. Collector James Thompson proposes Capt. Job Prince Merchant & M^r. Isaiah Doane Merchant as his Bondsmen for the present Year — which were approved of by the Selectmen — — —

M^r. Collector Henderson proposes Caleb Hopkins Merchant & Enoch James Blacksmith for his Bondsmen as Collector of Taxes for their approbation see Augt. 15.

M^r. White living near Col^o. Waters Distill house has liberty to carry a Drain into the Common Shore, conditioned that the Ground & Pavement be restored to the approbation of the Selectmen —

M^r. Scollay who has been appointed to the care of the Lamps is authorized to continue his services; and agreable to a Vote of the Town he is directed to proceed in lighting the Lamps for which service he is to have the former pay of Five pounds p Month to Commence from next Wednesday —

M^r. Henry Prentice is to pay the Treasurer for the last Quarters Rent of the Store he held of the Town at the Rate of Thirty three pounds p Annum & the former Rent for the time he held it before the last Quarter, — meaning his part of the Store —

Upon the application of M^r. Appleton & others for altering part of the Pavement in Cornhill, M^r. Price & M^r. Andrews a Committee to confer with said Gentlemen & to permit such alteration as they may Judge proper, provided it be done without Expence to the Town —

Master Hunt & M^r. Whitwell requested to attend at the Selectmens Chamber to Morrow 11 O'Clock —

The Selectmen permit Master Carter to accommodate himself with another House for his accommodation & let the one he now improves being too small for his growing Family to such Person or Persons as may be approved of by M^r. Andrews the Town not to be answerable for any additional Expence in the matter —

Charles King as a Chimney Sweeper has delivered a Badge of his Office N°. 1 —

[8.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 10, 1786.

Present Messrs: Scollay, Dorr, Browne, Tyler, Walley, Andrews, Cunningham, Grant, Price —

On a Complaint exhibited by M^r. Samuel Whitwell Senr. & Thomas Walley Esq. against M^r. Samuel Hunt for practises in the Government of his School tending *too* much to unjustifiable severity. —

The Parties being present were heard and the Board Adjourned

to Fryday Afternoon being the 11 Ins^{t}. in order to consider on proper measures to remedy the evil complained of,— After which the Applications for Licenses as Inholders & Retailers are to be taken up & determined by the Selectmen —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 11, 1786.
pr Adjournment.

Present Messrs: Scollay, Dorr, Price, Green, Tyler, Andrews Cunningham Walley & Grant —

The Board having before acted upon the List of Licensed Persons for the last Year, & a Certificate given on the Return, for the Hon^{bl}. the Justices of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Suffolk a Copy of which return will be placed on the Town File — now proceeded to the consideration of the Application for Licenses as Retailers & Inholders the present Year, agreably to Assignment, when the following Persons were approbated — Viz^{t}. —

Abigail Tyler	Charter Street	as a Retailer
Amos Lewis	Street leadg into N^{o}. Square	D^{o}.
Thomas Parker	Middle Street	D^{o}.
Betsy McKnight	Newbury Street	D^{o}.
John Revere	Middle Street	D^{o}.
Sarah Reed	Cross Street	D^{o}.
Daniel Adams	Fore Street	D^{o}.
Ezra Curtain	Black horse Lane	D^{o}.
Hulda Delano	Wheelers Point	D^{o}.
Samuel Pierce	near the Palaverers	D^{o}.
Thomas Sherburne	Back Street	D^{o}.
		Carr^{d}. forward
[9.] Joseph Lanedon	near Hancocks Wharf	Retailer
Barth^{l}. Trow	near D^{r}. Howards	D^{o}.
Lydia Waistcoat	Cross Street	D^{o}.
Sarah Appleton	Prince Street	D^{o}.
Edward Procter	Fish Street	D^{o}.
Joanna Harris	Hanover Street	D^{o}.
Isaac Davis	Pitts Wharf	D^{o}.
Nicholas Rosselet	Dock Square	D^{o}.
John Wise	Cold Lane	D^{o}.
Joseph Wakefield	Fore Street	D^{o}.
Henry Dilloway	Dock Square	D^{o}.
Benjamin Jarvis	King Street	D^{o}.
Willam Faxton	Newbury Street	D^{o}.
George Langley	near Bulls Wharf	D^{o}.
Lydia Haskin	Bullfinch Square	D^{o}.
Lucy Tidd	Middle Street	D^{o}.
Barnabas Webb	Ann Street	D^{o}.
William Marshall	Orange Street	D^{o}.
Elkanah Hayden	North Square	D^{o}.
Phineas Dana	Orange Street	D^{o}.
William Burk	Hanover Street	D^{o}.
Andrew Bradshaw	near Mill Bridge	D^{o}.
Thomas Sanderson	Marlborough Street	D^{o}.

Margaret Moor	Orange Street	D°.
Col°. David Brewer	Prince Street	as an Inholder

see Ang^t. 15 for others

Messrs: Scollay, Cunningham & Walley, a Committee to confer with the Proprietors of the Neck by their Committee Deacon Davis & others appointed for that purpose

Adjourned to Tuesday next 4 O'Clock on Special Business —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen pr Adjournmen^t. Ang^t. 15, 1786.

Present Messrs: Scollay, Dorr, Price, Tyler, Andrews, Browne, & Grant

The following Persons were approbated by the [**10.**] Selectmen as Retailers of Spirituous Liquors in this Town in addition to other Persons approved of on the 11 Ins. —

Viz^t. —

Elisha Sigorney	Cambridge Street	Retailer
Elizabeth Doubleday	Marlborough Street	D°.
Jonathan Merry	Fish Street	D°.
Henry Compston	Back Street	D°.
Augustus Raphanel	near North Square	D°.
Daniel Sigorney	Sheaff Street	D°.
Deborah Erving	Temple Street	D°.
John Marston Esq	King Street	D°.
John Veazie	Eliot Street	D°.

see August 10th.

Upon further enquiry & consideration Deacon Jones & M^r. Thayers Suspension were taken off —

Voted that the Fire Ward, be requested to direct that proper care be taken of the several Ladders provided for the respective Fire Engines belonging to the Town —

M^r. Andrews appointed by the Selectmen to see that the Dirt is taken away from the Passage Way leading from Wings Lane to Brattle Square; provided it can be done at an Expence not exceeding one shilling a Load —

Capt. Caleb Hopkins & Enoch James are approved of as Bondsmen for Collector Henderson — see August 9. —

The Board having considered further with respect to the Bondsmen M^r. Thomas Bayley has proposed as Collector of Taxes, are still of the opinion that a third should be procured by him

Are of the same Opinion respecting Collector Williams Bondsmen, that a third Bondsman is necessary —

The Selectmen having considered the several Complaints exhibited against Master Hunt and his Reply, thereto, — thereupon Voted, That it appears to them that M^r. Samuel Hunt Master of the South Grammar School has *repeatedly* practised *undue* severity in the Correction of several of the Children under his Tuition — That they [**11.**] *Highly* disapprove of the same, and that Master Hunt be Admonished therefor and cautioned against such Conduct in future: — And that the Chairman Admonish him accordingly —

A List made out for the Gentlemen who are to be invited to ac-

company the Selectmen on a Visit to Rainsfords Island on Tuesday the 22d. Inst. also a Bill of fare —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 16, 1786.

Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Tyler, Andrews, Grant, Walley, Cunningham, Price —

The Selectmen having again taken up the Petition for Licenses, the following Persons were approbated — Vizt. —

John Burbeck	Middle Street	Retailer
Frederick Goodnough	near Boston Stone	Do.
Moses Bradley	Prince Street	Do.
Joseph Wight	near No. Square	Do.
Thomas Cowley	Head of Scarlets Wharf	Do.

see the other side & below —

James Bayley Gentleman & William Bird Gentleman approved of by the Selectmen as Bondsmen for Collector Bayley also Benja. Edes & Thomas Parker for Collector Williams —

An Order by the Governor & Council on the State Treasurer for the maintenance of the State Poor from 1st Septemr. 1785 to March 1786. for £1952 – 7 – lawful Money in favor of the Selectmen Indorsed over to the Town Treasurer Peter Boyer by the Chairman John Scollay Esq. and delivered to Capt. Samuel Partridge Keeper of the Alms house dated 11th. August Inst.

The following Persons approbated for Licenses — Vizt. —

Ebenezer Mountfort	Ann Street	Retailer
Samuel Gooking	Corn Court	Do.
Gyles Richards	near Mill Bridge	Do.
Joseph Adams	Back Street	Do.

A Permit given to James Stewart to clear a Drain at his House in North Street; Order signed by two of the Selectmen Vizt. — Mr. Dorr & Tyler, & dated July 31st last —

[12.] Master Hunt attended agreably to the Vote of Yesterday, and was admonished accordingly, and also served by the Chairman with a Copy of said Vote —

Mr. Scollay, Cunningham & Walley a Committee to confer with Ebenezer Waters relative to the Leasing him a small piece of the Towns Land, near Roxbury Line

Mr. Aaron Blaney appointed by the Selectmen to inform of Persons trespassing on the Neck by firing Guns &c. and to execute the Law by seizing the Guns & prosecuting such offenders — sent

Agreed that the Company for Rainsfords Island be desired by Billet to attend at the Selectmens Chamber by half 8 O'Clock Tuesday Morning —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 22d, 1786.

Present Selectmen visited Rainsfords Island

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 23d, 1786.

Present Messrs: Scollay, Dorr, Andrews, Browne, Cunningham, Tyler, Walley

Mr. Joseph Loring appointed an Inspector of Oil for the Port

of Boston, and the Oath of Office was administred to him by John Browne Esq.

Jonas Green, approved by the Selectmen as a Retailer of Spiritnons Liquors at his Shop in State Street —

The Selectmen agree to meet next Fryday 3 O'Clock in order to lay out Lyn Street, with the Justices of the Town —

The Selectmen have agreed to appoint twelve Ticket Porters for this Town —

Chimney Sweepers appointed under John Cragie Viz^{t}. Peter

Vanderbush	——	N 2	
John Crage	——	3	3 Boys —
Richard Gold	——	4	
Luderich Melder	——	5	

[**13.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 25, 1786.

Present Messrs: Scollay Dorr, Grant Walley, Andrews, Cunningham

Justices of the Peace

Joseph Gardner Esq.	——	John Browne Esq.
Joseph Greenleaff Esq.		
Thomas Crafts Esq.		
John Avery Esq.		
Samuel Barret Esq.		

Proceeded to Lynn Street to lay out the same according to Law —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 28th. 1786.

Present Messrs: Dorr, Scollay, Andrews, Tyler, Browne, Grant, Price,

ORDERED, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/$\frac{1}{6}$^{d}.p Bushel and that 12^{d}. p Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood which is computed as follows — Viz^{t}. —

		lbs — oz — dr.
a 4^{p}. Loaf Brick Bread French Made —	must weigh —	1 " 6 " 11
a 4^{d}. ditto $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye Meal,	must weigh	3 " — " —
a 4^{d}. ditto not above $\frac{1}{3}$ Indian,	must weigh	4 " — " —
Biskets of 3 Copper price		" 12 " 6

Liberty granted M^{r}. Robert Peirpoint to dig a Well partly on Essex Street, so as that the Pump stand near the Fence

M^{r}. James Leach prays the approbation of the Selectmen for opening a School for teaching Arithmetick on Evenings, and also asks leave for making use of M^{r}. Davis's School on every Evening of the Week, save one —

The Application of the Inspectors for the Office in Faneuil Hall, referred for consideration to a full Board —

The Selectmen will not approve of M^{r}. Leachs Application for keeping a School unless he is well recommended —

Passed upon Accounts

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 30, 1786.

Present Messrs: Scollay, Dorr, Tyler, Andrews, Cunningham, Browne, Walley

[14.] Upon application of Jonathan Mason Esq. to hire the Granary, Agreed that he may have the same at Thirty Pounds p Annum, if agreable to him, and to be put into Tenantable Repair at the Expence of the Town.

Deacon Davis & Thomas Tileston a Committee from the Fire Wards to Confer with the Board respecting the Polls & Baskets to be provided for Emergencies in case of Fire were informed, that it is the Request of the Selectmen that the *Fire Wards* provide four of the above Articles to be Constructed in such manner as *they may think* will best answer the purposes intended

Messrs: Dorr, & Tyler a Committee to enquire into the propriety of Posts being set near Dr. Rands by Benjamin White Carpenter, without first obtaining leave of the Board also to consider of the expediency of leasing a certain Passage Way opposite to Dr. Mountfords to said White who has forced in the same under pretence of curing a Nuisance

Liberty granted Dr. Rand to erect two Posts before his Door —

Monday next assign'd to consider of the *Plan* of Lyn Street as laid before the Board by Mr. Leach, the Justices to be Notified to attend accordingly, the said Meeting to be at 11 O'Clock A.M.

Passed upon Accounts —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 6, 1786.

Present Messrs. Dorr, Walley, Cunningham, Andrews, Scollay, Tyler, Grant, Price,

The Cadet Company have liberty to deposite their Fire Arms in one of the upper Rooms at Faneuil Hall.

Mr. Cunningham appointed to order Gravel on a Lane near Mr. Vinals School —

Town Clerk directed to issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting on Fryday next 10 O'Clock A: M:

Messrs. Fleets to have the printing Notifications

Jonas Barker Chimney Sweeper had a Badge N. 5 delivered him —

[15.] Daniel Collins being appointed a Ticket Porter — produc'd his Qualification Bond & recev'd his Badge No. 1.

The Selectmen agree to Lease to Mr. Benjamin White a Towns Slip of Land at the back of his Shop for a small consideration, & the Commee. are desired to proceed accordingly —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 8, 1786.

Present Messrs: Scollay, Cunningham Browne, Andrews, Walley Grant Dorr —

A Circular Letter was sent Major Hosmer at Concord

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septemr. 12, 1786.

Present Messrs. Scollay, Andrews, Tyler Walley Browne —

The Circular Letter from this Town to the other Towns directed & sent to the several Sheriffs to be forwarded to the Selectmen of the several Towns —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septem^r. 13, 1786.
Present Messrs. Scollay Dorr Price, Andrews, Grant, Walley, Browne.

M^r. James Leach permitted to open a School for the Instruction of Youth in *Arithmetick* & *other* branches of Mathematicks —

The Selectmen are of Opinion that Master Cheney of the Middle Street Writing School has a right to admit Children into his School provided they are properly introduced by Parents & if they are taken from any other Schools —

Alice Baker approved of as a Retailer of Rum &^c. at her Shop in Battery March —

M^r. Scollay & M^r. Andrews a Committee to order Repairs to the Granary —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septem^r. 11. 1786.
Present Messrs Scollay, Dorr, Price, Tyler, Andrews, Cunningham [**16.**] Grant, Walley, Browne,

On the Question for an *Usher* for the South Grammar School. M^r. Amasa Dingley of Duxbury was *unanimously* appointed to that Office.

Messrs: Scollay, Cunningham Walley a Committee to attend to the Leasing or Letting a piece of Land in the Bull Pasture to Ebenezer Waters.

The Selectmen have agreed to propose a Perambulation between this Town & Roxbury on Thursday next 10 O'Clock A:M: to the Selectmen of Roxbury — and the Town Clerk is directed to write them accordingly —

Mem^o. the forms may be seen in fair Minute Book Septem^r. 22. 1762 —

And a Perambulation was had accordingly — see May 20. 1788. —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 20. 1786.
Present Messrs: Scollay, Price, Dorr, Cunningham, Brown, Andrews, Grant, Tyler.

Edward Blanchard prays liberty to open a Drain from his House in Atkinsons Lane in order to repair it —

Liberty granted provided he make good the Ground & restore the Pavement to the satisfaction of the Selectmen

The Selectmen have agreed that M^r. Morse is to have the Shop or Store of the Town he now occupies at the rate of £46 — p Annum to be this Rate since the last Quarter & to be paid Quarterly

The Selectmen & Justices to meet at Selectmens Chamber Monday next 11 O'Clock —

The Town Treasurer was informed that Mr Barrells Rent of the Store is to be settled at £33 p Annum from March last

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Justices with the Selectmen Sepr. 25. 1786 —
Present Messrs. Scollay, Browne, Dorr, Walley, Cunningham Tyler Andrews

Justices Crafts, Greenleaff, Browne, Price, Avery Gardner

[17.] Mr. Greanleaff, Mr. Dorr & Mr. Tyler a Committee to procure a plan from Mr. Leach of Lynn Street as this Day agreed upon by the Justices & Selectmen, and said Committee are desired to draw up a Report, relative to laying out said Street as a publick Street —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septr. 25. 1786.

Present Messrs: Scollay, Dorr, Browne, Tyler, Andrews, Cunningham Walley,

Mr. Scollay, Mr. Price, & Mr. Cunningham a Commee. from the Board to meet a Commee. from the Selectmen of Roxbury, in order with Mr Pope to run the Boundary Line between the two Towns —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 25. 1786 P: M:

Present Messrs: Scollay, Dorr, Grant, Price, Tyler, Browne, Cunningham, Andrews,

Passed upon Accounts —

ORDERED that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/6 — p Bushel, and that 12d. p Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows. Vizt. —

		lbs — oz — dr
a 4d. Loaf Brick Bread French made must weigh		1 " 6 " 11
a 4d. ditto ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal	Do.	3 " — " —
a 4d. ditto not above ½ Indian Meal	Do.	4 " — " —
Biskets of 3 Copper price must weigh		— "12 " 6

The Selectmen have agreed to allow forty Shillings towards repairing the Pump in Spring Lane —

Mr. Fenno permitted to set down a new Post against his House in the room of one decayed, —

The Committee appointed to Lease a Slip of Land leading from Fish Street into the Dock to Benjamin White Report — Vizt. That on consideration of the said White paying the Town Treasurer at the rate of fifteen Shillings p Annum for the [18.] Time that he may hold it, and also keeping the Water course or Drain open as has been aforetime, he the said White shall occupy it as a Tenant at Will —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septemr. 27, 1786.

Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Walley, Cunningham, Andrews, Price, Browne, Grant, Tyler

Passed upon Accounts not passed upon at the last Draft Day —

The Selectmen have agreed to view the Land near Beacon Hill, and Mr. Nazro is to notify Mr. Thompson to meet them at the foot of the Hill Monday next 11 O'Clock in order for said view —

Mr. Walley a Committee to examine the Almshouse Account as it respects the State Poor —

The Selectmen agree to allow thirty pounds towards paving Devonshire Street commonly called Pudden Lane, provided it is paved by the Abutters to the satisfaction of the Selectmen —

Ezekiel Price & John Browne Esq. two Justices together with

the Selectmen, on complaint that Mr. Rumneys Chocolate Works were insufficient & unsafe for the Inhabitants on account of Fire — went upon & examined said Premises & found the complaint Just & that the Inhabitants must be endangered by the works being continued

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^r. 4. 1786.

Present Messrs. Scollay Dorr, Price, Brown, Tyler, Andrews, Grant, Walley, Cunningham

On Motion to take up the Account exhibited by Treasu^r. Ivers against the Town for a balance due from M^r. Cudworth a late Collector of Taxes; the same was considered, whereupon, M^r. Walley was appointed to procure from Treasurer Ivers, an attested Copy of [19.] a Rule sometime since adopted by the General Court, in regard to accounts of a Simular nature from some other Towns in this State, and the same being procured, M^r. Price with the assistance of M^r. Walley is to prepare a Memorial to be laid before the General Court for the same indulgence —

On application from M^r. Leach to have leave to improve the North Grammar School for Evening Instruction —

Voted, that the Board esteem it inadvisable as it would be entirely out of Rule to grant the Prayer of the Petition

On information given the Board, that a number of Persons Viz^t. D^r. Lloyd M^r. Foster, Thom^s. Clements M^r. Lestourt & others had taken away large quantities, say some hundred loads of Manure from the *Horse Pond* without leave from the Selectmen — M^r. Hamlin Hayward, attending the Board, was directed to wait on these Gentlemen and forbid them on penalty of prosecution to take away any more Manure, as well as any other Person who may attempt the like — He was also directed to wait upon the Board of Overseers now sitting, that some People may be sent from the Alms house or Work house to dig any quantity of said Manure from the *Frog Pond* and to spread the same over the Common —

M^r. Scollay a Committee to Judge of the expediency of removing a Large Post near M^r. Cheevers New Boston; the removal to be done at the Expence of M^r. Cheevers —

M^r. Brown & M^r. Walley a Committee to inspect the South Burial Ground & enquire into the State of sundry Tombs for which no Owners appear, and to give M^r. Homer such directions as to the repairs, as they may Judge expedient —

A Petition from Williams Mins & others, praying for the interference of the Selectmen, to prevent the danger apprehended [20.] From the Chocolate Mills improved by Mr Edward Rumney — was laid before the Board —

The Petition of a number of the Inhabitants that M^r. Alexander Moor may be licensed as an Auchtioneer was read & considered, but not granted, it being the sense of the Selectmen, that they are restricted by a Vote of the Board passed previous to the licensing of Auchtioneers for the present Year, from enlarging the number which has been appointed —

It is determined by the Board, and M^r. Justice Price & M^r.

Justice Brown, to take another view of Mr. Rumneys Chocolate Mills on Monday next 11 O'Clock A: M: and that the Petitioners for suppressing said Works, be desired to attend at said review —

Mr. Browne & Mr. Walley & Mr. Grant, appointed to view the Pond in the Common and Report as to the Manure &c. —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 11 — 1786 —

Present Messrs. Dorr, Walley Cunningham, Andrews, Browne, Grant, Scollay, Tyler

The Committee according to appointment, took another view of Mr. Rumneys Chocolate Mills, —

The Selectmen upon Application from the Justices of the Court of General Sessions for the County of Suffolk thro' Mr. Price; have granted liberty, for a temporary use of the East part of Market Square, for the placing a Cage for the punishment of Criminals

Capt. Bentley of Engine No. 1. is to have a draught in the next Draught on the Town Treasury, for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing their Engine to [21.] work first on the Fire which lately broke out at Mr. James's Blacksmith Shop on Tudors Wharf — drawn for

The Selectmen approve of Mrs. Elizabeth Marston Widow, being Licensed to retail Spirituous Liquors at her House near Wheelers Point —

Mr. John Bray Cooper appointed an Inspector of Oil for the Port of Boston, and the Oath of Office was administred to him by Mr. Justice Browne — Recommendation given him on file —

Mr. Scollay, Andrews & Grant a Committee to state the rates of the Ticket Porters, for the business they may perform, agreable to the Town By Laws —

Upon Complaint made to the Selectmen of the ill State of a Chimney in an old House at the So. West Corner of Frog Lane improved by Mr. Simmons Mr. Stephen Wales & Mr. Christopher Brazier were requested to examine the same, who having Reported that the same is very unsafe and dangerous to the Neighbouring Houses if improved in its present State — the Selectmen therefore order that Mr. Simmons the Proprietor of said House cause the said Chimney to be taken down, & abated as a common Nuisance, as he would wish to avoid the Penalties in that case by Law provided —

The Selectmen have agreed to meet for the dispatch of business at 3 O'Clock P: M:

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor, 18th. 1786,

Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Tyler, Andrews, Walley, Price, Grant Browne.

[22]. Upon complaint made by James Sullivan Esq. and others respecting the hazardus situation of some Chimnies in a House in Dorsets Alley (so called) said to be owned by a Mrs. Richards an Inhabitant of New York & under the care & direction of the Honble. Oliver Wendell Esq. praying that the same may be

abated as a Nuisance — The Selectmen therefore having viewed the same are of Opinion that they cannot be amended or repaired do Order the same to be taken down & demolished — sent

The Selectmen have agreed to view the Chocolate Mills at the North Mills Fryday next 11 O'Clock A : M :

Mr. Daniel Ray applied for the hire of the Shop lately improved by Mr. Edmund Green

It is agreed by the Selectmen that the General School masters shall be furnished with the same quantity of Wood, which was allowed the last Year —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen together with Ezekiel Price & John Brown two Justices of the Peace

A 2d. View having been taken of the Building occupied by Capt. Edward Rumney for the purpose of manufacturing of Chocolate — the Question was put — Vizt — Whether a License be granted in the present State of Said Building, for the purpose aforesaid — Passed in the Negative unanimously — sent

Mr. Nazro directed to require the attendance of Mr. Craigue Chimney Sweeper next Wednesday —

[23.] Boston Ss : At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 25. 1786 —

Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Tyler, Andrews, Cunningham, Price, Walley, Browne, Grant,

Mr. Gray having applied for relief, for a Negro Man, formerly his Servant, but who took his freedom some time since, he being unable to provide for himself — after some debate, the further consideration was referred to next Wednesday

The Selectmen have recommended Mr. William Mack as a suitable Person to be naturalized —

Mr. Green the Father of Edmund Green who lately occupied the Towns Shop is admitted a Tenant in the room of his Son he paying the same Rent, which is to commence from the time his Son left said Shop —

Mr. Nazro is directed to require Mr. Hamlins attendance on the Selectmen at their Chamber next Wednesday afternoon —

Mr. Simonds is to be informed that in case the Chimney of the House he occupys is not taken down by Satturday the 27. Inst. the same will be taken down by order of the Selectmen, at the expence of the Owner as the Law directs —

Boston Ss : At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 30. 1786 —

Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Price Andrews, Cunningham, Browne, Grant, Price,

Passed upon Accounts —

ORDERED, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat 6/6 p bushel & that 12d. p Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Vizt. —

		lbs.	oz.	dr.
a 4d. Loaf of Brick Bread French Made must weigh		1 "	6 "	11
a 4d. ditto ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal	Do.	3 "	— "	—
a 4d. ditto not above ½ Indian Meal	Do.	4 "	— "	—
Biskets of 3 Coppers price	Do.	— "	12 "	6

[24.] Capt. Bartlet applies for the use of the Hall to exercise his Company called the Volunteer Republican Company, on Thursday Evenings —

Liberty accordingly granted

Mr. Codman applies for the removal of Rebecca Parker to Lexington —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 7. 1786 —
Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Price, Andrews, Grant, Walley

Ebenezer Simpson informs that a Chimney in a House occupied by Benjamin Roberts, is out of Repair & unsafe for the Neighborhood, — and prays that Order may be taken respecting the same as the Law directs — also as to a Pump out of Repair in a Street in Frog Lane —

Passed upon Accounts —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 7. 1786 —
Present Messrs Scollay, Dorr, Price, Andrews, Grant, Walley

Capt. Partridge informs that one Frances Pond is now at the Alms house, belongs to the Town of Cambridge

Mr. Jonas Welch's Chocolate Mills near Charlestown Bridge, having been view'd by the Selectmen & two Justices, the Mills are accordingly licensed for the purpose of grinding & burning Chocolate —

Mr. William Brown is chosen Master of Engine No. 1. of the Company of said Engine —

The Selectmen agree to allow forty eight Shillings towards procuring a new Pump for the Well on North Square near Mr. Leachs House

The Selectmen will allow for the passage of James Morrey & Caty Morrey two Dollars each provided they are left at the Eastward

[25.] Mr. Hamlin the Hayward is to be directed by Mr. Nazro to attend the Board next Wednesday Afternoon 4. O'Clock — Mr. Nazro is also to acquaint Mr. James Prince of this Order —

Mr. Andrew Campbell permitted to open a School in this Town for teaching Writing Reading &c — agreable to the Petition of a number of the Inhabitants

Mr. Nicholas Pierce is chosen Master of Engine Company No. 9 — of said Company — in the room of Capt. Loveren who has resigned —

Votes of the Town of Manchester to be printed —

Mrs. — Marston approved of to keep a Tavern at the House her late Husband was licensed for this Year situate in King Street —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 15. 1786 —
Present Messrs: Dorr Cunningham, Andrews Price, Browne, Walley, Grant,

Mr. Cunningham having received of Brookers Donation June 26. £ 2. 8 — & July 26. £1. 10 — The same was distributed as follows — Vizt. —

To the Widow Simmons	£ — 12 — "
To the Widow Searl	" 12 — "
To the Widow Vezey	" 19 " 4
To the Widow Freeman	" 13 " 4
To the Widow Ethridge	" 13 " 4
To the Widow Scott	" 8 —
	£ 3 — 18 —

Mr. Montague who preaches at the North Church having applied for the use of the North Latin School one or two Evenings in the Week for the purpose of teaching a singing Company Liberty was accordingly granted —

Mr. Charles Williams a Collector of Taxes, having applied to the Selectmen for his taking up the Bonds given by him as Collector for 1782 & 1784 he having settled with all the Treasurers for said Years the Town Clerk was directed to deliver him the same —

[26.] Major Bumstead applies for a Tomb in the Common Burying Ground, formerly belonging to one Tayler —— the Selectmen permit him to make use of said Tomb, upon the condition hereafter to be determined by them —

Major William Dawes by Mr John Stoddard applies to be appointed Inspector of Flax, as by a late Law such appointments are to be made by the Selectmen

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 22. 1786 —
Present Messrs: Scollay, Dorr, Andrews Tyler,

Mr. Dorr having received of Brookers Donation the 25th of July last £ 1.16 — the same was distributed a follows — Vizt —

To the Widow Catherine Way	£ — 9 —
To the Widow Mary Ruddock	— " 9 —
To the Widow Sarah Brown	— " 6 —
To the Widow Lydia Lake	— " 1 " 6
To the Widow Abigail Tyler	— " 10 — 6
	£1.16

Mr. Andrews having received of Brookers Donation June 26th £.2.8 — & July 26 — £1 " 4 — making in the whole £3. — 12 — the same was distributed as follows — Vizt. —

To the Widow Lepear	£ — 12 —	
the Widow Emmons	— 12 —	
the Widow Weasey	— 12 —	
the Widow Way	— 12 —	
the Widow Steward	— 12 —	
the Widow Perkins	— 12 —	
		£3.12

Mr. Browne having received of Brookers Donation the 26th of June last £2.8 — & 26 of July last £ — 18. in whole £3.6 — [27.] the same was distributed as follows — Vizt. —

To the Miss: Oultons	£ — 19 — 6
the Widow Hooker	— 13 — 4
the Widow Perkins	— 6 — 8
the Widow Hall	1 — 6 — 8
	£3 — 6

Capt. Tyler having received of Brookers Donation the 26 of July last — £ 1. 16 — the same was distributed as follows Vizt. —

To the Widow May	£ — 6 —
the Widow Tyler	— 6 —
the Widow Brick	1 " 4
	—— £ 1 " 6

Mr. William Clarke informs that he had rented a House to the Widow Frances Brewer from Waltham & another to Peter Auerit — as p Letters on file —

Mr. Price appointed to confer with Mr. Sullivan, relative to the charge that may arise from removing Persons to other Towns — also with respect to ye. Inhabitancy of ye. Widows born in this State who had been married to Forreigners —

Mr. Browne & Mr. Andrews, to view the Towns Store lately occupied by Mr. Barrel, to Judge of the Repairs made —

Mr. Bossinger Foster applies for a Tomb in the Common Burial Ground formerly owned by a Mr. Gutteridge —

Mr. Grant having recd. of Brookers Donation April 20th 1785. 2. 8 — the same was distributed as follows Vizt —

To the Widow Goodwin	£ — 12 —
the Widow Freeman	" 12 —
the Widow Jeffrees	— 8 —
To the Widow Dodge	— 8 —
Mrs. Foot, a sick Person	— 8 —
	—— £ 2–8

Mr. Walley Mr. Andrews & Grant a Committee to settle with Ballard his Town Accts. & Report the same —

[28.] Mr. Walley having received of Mrs. Brookers Donation 26th of June last £ 2. 8 — the same was distributed as follows — Vizt —

To Mrs. Loper aged & sick	£ — 18 —
Mrs. Delaplace Widow	— 18 —
Mrs. Butter old & poor	— 6 —
Mrs. Jackson sick & poor	— 6 —
	£2 — 8 —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 25. 1786 —

Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Cunningham, Walley, Tyler, Andrews, Grant, Price, Browne, Met the Ancient Artillery Compy—

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 27. 1786 —

Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Price, Tyler, Grant, Andrews, Cunningham, Browne,

Information being given on the Yesterday by Mr. Isaiah Doane to Mr. Scollay, Andrews & Mr Brown three of the Selectmen, that a Vessel owned by Mr. Doane from N York Capt. Smith had a Person on board Just broke out with the Small Pox whereupon Mr. Nazro was directed to convey the Man to New Boston & to get Provisions & Dr. Appleton was desired to attend him — and the Vessel ordered into the Road to be smoked and cleansed and then Report to be made to the Selectmen —

Passed upon Accounts

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/6 p Bushel & that 12d p Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Vizt. —

		lb.	oz.	dr.
a 4d. loaf of Brick Bread, French made, must weigh		1 "	6 "	11
a 4d. ditto ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal	do.	3 "	— "	—
a 4d. ditto not above ½ Indian Meal	do.	4 "	— "	—
Biskets of 3 coppers price	do.	— "	12 "	6

Voted that Mr. Blaney have a draft for 150 Pounds, lawful Money in this Month & that Mr. Scollay Walley & Mr. Cunningham be a Commee. to make a final Settlement before next Draft Day ——— (drawn for)

[29.] Mrs. Susannah Rankin approved of as a Retailer of Spirituous Liquors at her House in Ann Street —

Richard Hunnewell late Master of Engine No. 9, is allowed for bringing their Engine to work first on the Fire which broke out in Board Alley being twenty eight Shillings allow'd & drawn for

Boston Ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 29. 1786 —
Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Andrews, Grant, Cunningham, Walley, Price,

Passed upon other Accounts —

Mr. Scollay having received of Mrs. Bookers Donation £ 1. 16 — the same was distributed as follows — Vizt. —

To Mrs. Dyke	£ — 12 —	
Mrs. Geyer	— 12 —	
Mrs. Frances	— 12 —	
	————	£ 1. 16

Mr. Scollay having received of Treasurer Boyer £22 — 2 — 9 & of Elisha Thatcher £ 2. 8 in all £24 — 10 — 9 it being for Interest on Notes, which are part of Mrs. Brookers Donation — the same was given to the following Selectmen to be by them distributed agreeable to the Will of the Doner —

Mr. Dorr	£ 2 — 14	see Feby. 28th.
Mr. Price	2 — 14	
Mr. Andrews	2 — 14	— see Decr. 26th.
Mr. Browne	2 — 14	— see Jany 31 next
Mr. Grant	2 — 14	— see January 10.
Mr. Tyler	2 — 14	— see April 4th. 1787.
Mr. Cunningham	2 — 14	— see Feby. 28 —
Mr. Walley	2 — 14	—
Mr. Scollay retains	2 — 18 — 9	— see Feby. 26
	£ 24 — 10 — 9	

Mr. Dorr Mr. Price Mr. Browne a Committee to wait on the Governor, relative to the Watch at the Jayl —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 27. Evening
Present Messrs. Scollay, Price, Browne Andrews, Grant

[30.] On application from the *Governor* & *Council* respecting their apprehension of a number of Persons from the Country having it in contemplation to release a certain Mr. Brock from the County Jayl committed for Treason against the State founded on the appearance of an unusual number of Persons, being observed to be coming into Town the Day past — Recommending it to the

Selectmen whether it would not be expedient to appoint a Watch or Guard to the Jayl for the Night —

Voted, that Mr. Nazro be directed to call upon the several Constables of the Town Watch, and direct them to send two of their best Men from each Watch House to keep a Guard at the Goal untill further Orders — and that Mr. Newman the Constable of New Boston Watch take the Command of them — with the following directions from the Board — Vizt. —

Sir You being appointed to the head of the Watch established at the Jayl for the time being, it is the Direction of the Selectmen that you keep two of your number *constantly* to Patrole the Street before the Court House, and to give out the Watch word, *All's well* every half hour, and one or more of your number to view the different parts of the Jayl every quarter of an hour to observe if any incroachments are made upon any quarter, & in case of any attack to cry out FIRE AT THE JAIL & ring the several Bells to alarm the Town, beginning with the Court Bell & provide as many Lanthorns as you conveniently can that the Patroles may have the benefit of them in their Walks — You are to make Report of your doings to the Selectmen to Morrow 11 O'Clock Before Noon ——

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 30th 1786 —
Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Price, Tyler, Cunningham, Grant, Walley, Browne, Andrews

[31.] Major Cunningham one of the Selectmen having informed the Board, that he would procure a sufficient number of the Military to watch the Jayl this Night the Constables of the Watch were directed to withdraw their respective Men, that they may attend their Duty as usual at the several Watch houses —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 1. 1786
Present Messrs. Scollay, Andrews, Tyler, Cunningham, Dorr
Mr. Cunningham made return of the Jayl Watch the last night as particulars on file —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 6. 1786 —
Present Messrs. Scollay, Cunningham, Grant, Andrews, Price,
Mr. Simon Payson having lost his all by the late high tides & being desirous of going back to Freetown the place of his abode — was recommended by the Selectmen to the notice of the charitably disposed in his way to said Town —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 7. 1786 —
Present Messrs: Scollay, Dorr, Price, Brown, Andrews, Cunningham, Walley,
Mr. Mason & Mr. Prentice two Overseers of the Poor appeared on the Yesterday as a Committee from that Board & represented, to the Selectmen, that the state of the Alms house was such that unless they could have an immediate supply they must be forced thro: necessity to open the Doors for the Poor to leave the House
Ordered that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting on Monday next 10 O'Clock Forenoon,

Mr. Griffiths to have the printing of the Notifications for said Meeting —

[32.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 12. 1786

Present Messrs: Scollay, Price, Andrews, Grant, Walley —

Upon application of Mr. Uran, Master of Engine No. 4 that all the Fire Engines convenient for it be fixed on Runners Voted that Mr Uran see as many provided as is necessary

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 13. 1786

Present Messrs. Scollay, Cunningham, Andrews, Walley, Price.

Capt. Joel Cushing of Engine No. 7 applies for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing their Engine to work first on the Fire, which lately broke out near Calfs Tan Yard —

Voted, That he have a draft for 28/ next Draught Day —

Robert Algee prays liberty to set up a small Distillery in Essex Street which was granted

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 18. 1786—

Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Price, Tyler, Cunningham, Grant, Andrews,

A number of Justices of the Peace, attended by request of the Governor, and had a conferrence with the Selectmen respecting the establishing of a Watch at the County Jail —

The Justices present unanimously agreed, that the Selectmen should have the use of the Watch House at the Jail — & that the Jail Keeper should have directions to supply the Watch that may be placed there with Fire & Candles —

Mr. Wendell as Constable
Mr. Horn
Mr. Pitcher
Mr. Rumney

are appointed as a Watch for the Jail, Watch House — for the time being — see next page

[33.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 20. 1786

Present Messrs: Scollay, Dorr, Tyler, Andrews, Cunningham, Price.

Edward Payne Esq. appeared to acquaint the Selectmen that by right of Inheritance he takes possession of a Tomb in the Common Burying Place formerly belonging to the Family of Le Blonds, with which the Selectmen acquiessed —

Mr. Joseph Ballard appointed by the Selectmen a Sealer of Wood in the room of Mr. Nathaniel Thayer lately deceased —

Benjamin Hodgkins approved of by the Board as a Retailer of Spirituous Liquors, at his House in

The *new Watch* appointed for the 18th instt. as on the other side commenced their Duty at the Jayl last Evening & by particular request from the Governor, they are to take particular care of the Jayl, and see that no Incroachments are made upon any part

thereof — they are also to set their Watch on or before 10 O'Clock every Evening, and not to leave it untill Day light — *Orders* were giving the Constable of the Watch accordingly, — and he was informed that by direction of the Justices, the Watch are to receive a necessary supply of Candles & Fuel from Mr. Otis the Jail Keeper —

On application of Mr. Pitman, Mr. Cunningham is appointed a Commee. to enquire respecting a Mr. Wales his Wife & four Children said to belong to *Dorchester*, that the Board may be able to determine whether they should be sent *there*, by Warrant — they now occupy a small Tenement belonging to said Pitman & are *very* poor.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 26. 1786
Present Messrs. Tyler, Scollay, Andrews, Price, Grant, Price

Mr. Andrews distributed £ 2. 14/ of Mrs. Brookers Donation which he received Novr. 29 — Vizt. —

	The Widow Nichols	£–12
	Widow Veazey	~ 6–
Brot over £ 1–10	Mrs. Wright	–12–
[34.]	Widow Stewart	–12–
	Widow Richardson	– 6–
	Widow Emmons	– 6–
		——£ 2 " 14–

Mr. Scollay, Mr. Walley & Mr. Cunningham a Committee to treat with Mr. Tuckerman relative to a piece of the Towns Land, & to Report to the Board

Jury Men drawn & entered in Jury Book —

Passed upon Accounts —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 27. 1786
Present Messrs. Scollay, Dorr, Price, Andrews, Walley, Tyler, Cunningham,

Passed upon Capt. Samuel Partridge Keeper of the Alms house; State Accounts; amounting to £ 1944 " 18 3½ and £ 102 " 13. 3½d as by Copies on file —

Voted, that Mr. Cheney Master of the Writing School in Middle Street have a draught for Thirty Pounds for one year & seven months allowance for the Board of his Assistant, now allowed the full pay of an Assistant, but not of an Usher — see draught for this month —

Passed upon Accounts —

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